

# Sir P. Maitland, K. C. B. Lieut. Governor.

I am further directed to acquaint you, that their Lordships have called the attention of the officer commanding the forces to the rates in money, granted as pay to persons holding local or temporary appointments, and also in lieu of allowances of forage, fuel, lodging, &c. to regimental and staff officers; and which rates have been fixed with reference to the expence of the articles, in lieu of which the money allowance was granted, and to the value of the currency in which the pay and allowance were issued, with a view to his causing boards to be assembled for revising the whole of those allowances and for fixing new rates of pay and allowances in lieu thereof payable in British silver money, by which my Lords expect that a nominal reduction will be made in the amount of those allowances, equal, or nearly equal to the difference between the value of the dollar as it has hitherto been issued at four shillings and four pence.

You will also issue to the officers of all public departments, to whom you may be called upon to make payments in exchange for their certificates, bills, or drafts, British silver money at its nominal rate Spanish dollars at four shillings and four pence each, & other dollars or coins at the same proportionate rate; but the payment of the drafts of the ordnance officers for materials or other articles of supply under existing contracts, you will of course make in the same manner, and in coins at the same rate as the payments would have been made in the event of the foregoing arrangements not having been adopted.

I am further directed to acquaint you that supplies of British money will, from time to time, be sent to you, and of the shipments of which you will be duly apprised.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant.

*At the Court at Carlton House, 23d March, 1825.*

Present—The King's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

Whereas, it has been represented to His Majesty at this board by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, that they have given directions that His Majesty's troops serving in the several British Colonies and possessions abroad, should, in certain cases, be paid in British silver and copper money, and that with a view of securing the circulation of such money in those colonies it would be expedient that an order in council should be issued, declaring that in all those colonies where the Spanish dollar is now either by law, fact, or practice, considered as a legal tender for the discharge of debts, or where the duties to the government are rated or collected, or the individuals have a right to pay in that description of coin, that a tender and payment of British silver money to the amount of four shillings and four pence should be considered as equivalent to the tender or payment of one Spanish dollar, and so in proportion for any greater or less amount of debt.

And whereas it has been further represented by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, that with respect to the Cape of Good Hope, where there are not any Spanish dollars in circulation, but where the circulation consists entirely of paper Rix Dollar and its porportions; and with respect to Ceylon, where the circulation consists of silver and paper Rix Dollars, as well as of a variety of other coins, which are generally received and paid with relation to their value as compared with Rix Dollars, it would be expedient that a tender & payment of one shilling and six-pence in British silver money should be considered as equivalent to a tender and payment of one such Rix Dollar so current at the Cape of Good Hope and Ceylon respectively, and so in proportion for any greater or less sum, and also that British copper money should be made a legal tender in all the British colonies to its due and proper proportion of British silver money as by law established in Great Britain, but that no person should be compelled to take more than twelve pence in copper money at any one payment; His Majesty having taken the said representation into consideration is pleased by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to approve of what is therein proposed & the Right Honourable the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury; and the Right Honourable Earl Bathurst, one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State are to give the necessary directions herein, as to them may respectively appertain.

(Signed) C. C. GREVILLE.

Table of the Gross Weight of the contents in pure silver and of the value computed at the rate of five shillings and two-pence per oz. Troy, British standard fineness, of the undermentioned silver coins, taken from assays made at the mints at Paris and London, together with the rate at which those coins are to be issued (when British coin is not in the military chest) for the pay of the British troops in the colonies.

	Gross Weight of the Coins.	Contents in pure silver.	Valued at 5s. & 2d. per oz. standard.	To be issued to the troops at
	Grains.	Grains.	S. D. dec.	Shill. Pence.
<b>FRENCH.</b>				
Piece of five Francs, - - - - -	385	344 9	4 0 16	4 0
two ditto. - - - - -	155	138 8	1 7 38	1 8
Pranc, - - - - -	77½	69 4	0 9 69	0 10
<b>SICILIAN.</b>				
Dollar or Scudo, - - - - -	422	348 2	4 0 62	4 1
Piece of 40 grains, - - - - -	141	117 5	1 4 40	1 5
20 ditto. - - - - -	72	59 1	0 8 25	0 9
<b>SPANISH.</b>				
Dollar, - - - - -	416	370 9	4 3 79	4 4
<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.</b>				
Dollar, - - - - -	416	370 1	4 3 68	4 4
<b>EAST INDIES.</b>				
Calcutta Rupee - - - - -	192	175 9	2 0 56	2 1
Bombay, } ditto. - - - - -	179	164 7	1 11 61	1 11
or Surat, }				

M. J. Jones, seconded by Mr. Morris, moves that an humble address be presented to his Excellency thanking his Excellency for his several messages of this day, and assuring his Excellency that this House will not fail to take the same into their serious consideration, and that Messrs Van Koughnet and Cameron be a committee to draft the same.

Which was ordered.

Mr. Van Koughnet, from the committee to draft an address to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, thanking him for his several messages of this day, reported a draft which was received and read the first time.

The House went again into committee on the state of the Province.

Mr. Wilkinson in the chair.

The House resumed.

Mr. Wilkinson reported that the committee had agreed to two resolutions which he was directed to submit for the adoption of the House, and asked leave to sit again to-morrow.