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RATES OF EXCHANGE UPON FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

RETURN to an Order of the Honourable House of Commons,  
dated 24 April 1811;—for

Copy of a REPORT of The Comptrollers of Army Accounts, dated 21 April 1811; enclosing, Statement of the Rates of Exchange upon Foreign Countries or Stations at various periods, and of the Price of Gold and Silver Coin :—Also, Copy of a MEMORIAL of Mr. *Brydges*, upon the subject of the Value of a Pound Sterling in French Money at Dunkirk; with the REPORT of the Comptrollers of Army Accounts thereon.

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Copy, REPORT of The Comptrollers of Army Accounts,

No. 525.

Comptrollers Office, April 21st 1811.

My Lords,

MR. HARRISON having, on the 13th instant, signified to us your Lordships Commands, that we should prepare and transmit an Abstract of the Rates of Exchange at which Bills have been drawn upon the Treasury for the Public Service from Foreign Countries or Stations at various periods of Peace, or War, as far back as the Books of our Office would enable us to furnish the Information; and also of the Prices of any Gold or Silver Coin or Bullion which may have been purchased for the Public Service :

We have accordingly caused all the Books of the Office to be searched, and herewith transmit an Extract of such Information as applies to the early periods of the Office.

We transmitted in our Report, No. 564, of the 9th July 1807, a Statement of the Rates of Exchange at which Bills were drawn upon the British Government for the Public Service, from Sicily and Malta, in the years 1804, 1805, and 1806, as well as of those drawn from the same places by private Merchants; and in our Report, No. 479, of the 6th April 1811, we furnished your Lordships with a Return of the highest and lowest Exchanges on Bills accepted at His Majesty's Treasury for the service of the British Armies in the Mediterranean and in the Peninsula, between the 5th January 1810 and the 5th January 1811, to which we take leave to refer your Lordships.

We have the honour to be,

My Lords,

Your Lordships

Most obedient humble Servants,

(Signed) *J. Martin Leake,*  
*J. Erskine.*

The Right Hon. the Lords Commissioners  
of His Majesty's Treasury.

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Copy, STATEMENT of the RATES of EXCHANGE upon Foreign Countries or Stations, at various periods, and of the Price of GOLD and SILVER COIN, as far as the Records of the Office of the Comptrollers of Army Accounts can furnish such information.

Table with columns: Period, Foreign Country or Station, RATE of EXCHANGE, REMARKS. Rows include The Low Countries, Ditto, Dunkirk, Gibraltar, New England, Boston, Philadelphia, New York, Pennsylvania, North America, Ditto, Genoa, Minorca.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

In November 1745, it appears that heavy Dollars were sold in London at 5s. 6d. per oz. and that the heavy Pistole was sold for 16s. 8d. In March 1782, Sterling Silver was sold at 6s. per oz.

J. M. L. J. E.

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Copy of a MEMORIAL of Mr. Brydges, and of a Report of the Comptrollers of Army Accounts, and Sir Isaac Newton, thereon.

Copy, MEMORIAL of Mr. Brydges upon the subject of the Value of a Pound Sterling in French Money at Dunkirk.

To the Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain. 19th August 1712.

HER Majesty's Forces in Dunkirk being to receive their subsistence in French Money, and there being yet no direction or authority for reducing the same into Sterling Money, whereby it might appear how much of that Current Money

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Money shall be paid the Forces for the Pound Sterling, I humbly move your Lordship for proper directions therein.

The directions which regulate the Rates of the Holland and Brabant Money are by Her Majesties Royal Sign Manual, whereby I have all along paid the subject Troops after the rate of ten Gilders and fifteen Styvers for each Pound Sterling, as my predecessor Mr. Fox did; and I am humbly of opinion it will be necessary that I have a like authority for computing the French Current Money.

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordship.

(Signed) J. Brydges.

Whitehall, Pay Office.

The REPORT of the Comptrollers of Army Accounts, and Sir Isaac Newton, upon the above Memorial.

To the Most honourable Robert Earl of Oxford and Earl Mortimer, Lord High Treasurer of Great Britain.

May it please your Lordship,

IN obedience to your Lordship's Order of Reference signified to us by Mr. Tayleur, the 21st August last, upon the annexed Memorial of Mr. Brydges, for directions as to the Rate that French Current Money shall be computed at for the subsistence of Her Majesties Forces in Dunkirk, and your Lordship directing us to consult Sir Isaac Newton thereon:

We the Comptrollers of the Accounts of the Army and Master Worker of Her Majesty's Mint, do humbly report to your Lordship, that twenty Shillings Sterling pass at Dunkirk for seventeen Livres, but are worth (intrinsic value) nineteen Livres thirteen Sols, which leaves a loss of two Livres thirteen Sols, or 2s. 8d. Sterling whereas in Flanders the loss is but about 12 Stivers, or 1s. 2d. Sterling (whereof about half was borne by the Queen) as appears by the annexed computation.

We further observe to your Lordship, that we cannot yet learn what may be the loss of buying Bullion of the Merchants, and sending it to Dunkirk to be coined at the next Mint for paying the Forces.

But we are credibly informed, the Forces at Dunkirk are willing still to accept of small Bills by way of Antwerp, as has hitherto been practised, and upon the old allowance, which seems to be cheapest for Her Majesty, and may be continued by the present Sign Manual, till further reason occurs to alter it.

We also offer to your Lordship's consideration, whether provisions may not be sent from hence in part of their subsistence.

All which is most humbly submitted to your Lordship.

(Signed) P. Medows, Jam. Bruce, Isaac Newton.

J. M. L.

Whitehall, Treasury Chambers, April 25, 1811.

R. Wharton.

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