

NOTE C.

NOTE of the Amount of EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES incurred by the Civil Government of Malta in consequence of the Plague, during its prevalence in the Years 1813 and 1814.

Maltese Scudi.

Disbursed by the Treasury of Government, in the pay of health officers, clerks, guards, physicians, surgeons, expurgators, scavengers, funeral attendants, and workmen; in the erection and repair of barriers, huts, cemeteries, and other works; in alms to the poor, care of the sick and suspected, drugs, funeral charges, and various other exigencies	- 1,794,625
Disbursed by the Jurats of the University (Grain Concern), namely, for the accommodation and maintenance of persons detained under observation in Fort Manoel and its confines, from 8th May 1813, to 30th April 1814	- 62,527
For the accommodation and maintenance of the suspected persons encamped in the garrison ditches outside of Port Reale, St. Anna, and Bomb, and of the patients in the temporary hospitals in the ditches, from 20th June to 11th October 1813	- 26,074
To the deputies of the eight sanitary districts of Valetta, for their disbursements on account of the maintenance of the indigent persons confined to their houses in the several districts, from the 27th June to the 30th September 1813	- 44,325
Paid by the Jurats for the cost of wine, provisions, fuel, and oil, being portions of those delivered for distribution for the use of the suspected persons and patients confined in Fort Manoel, the ditches of the garrison, and other places	- 21,167
Miscellaneous disbursements for various services connected with the supply of the inhabitants during the epidemic	- 12,079
Cost of bran and dry clover, for the food of cattle belonging to private individuals detained in quarantine in the receptacle at Casal Curmi	- 8,087

Cost of bread, fresh meat, wine, and other articles of provision, furnished by various parties, for the use of the persons confined to their houses or in other places - 220,669

Cost of bread and meat supplied to persons confined in Casal Curmi - 3,612

Value of 9,352 salms of wheat issued from the University granaries, and administered in alms to the poor of both islands through the agency of the Lieutenants of Casals, the store-keepers of the University (under the direction of the Jurats), and the Charitable Committees - 372,149

Value of other articles of provision issued from the University stores for the same purpose - 18,371

789,060

In all, by the Civil Government - 2,583,685

At the value (*then*) of 1s. 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. per scudo,
= 232,531l. 13s. sterling.

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in the Audit Office.

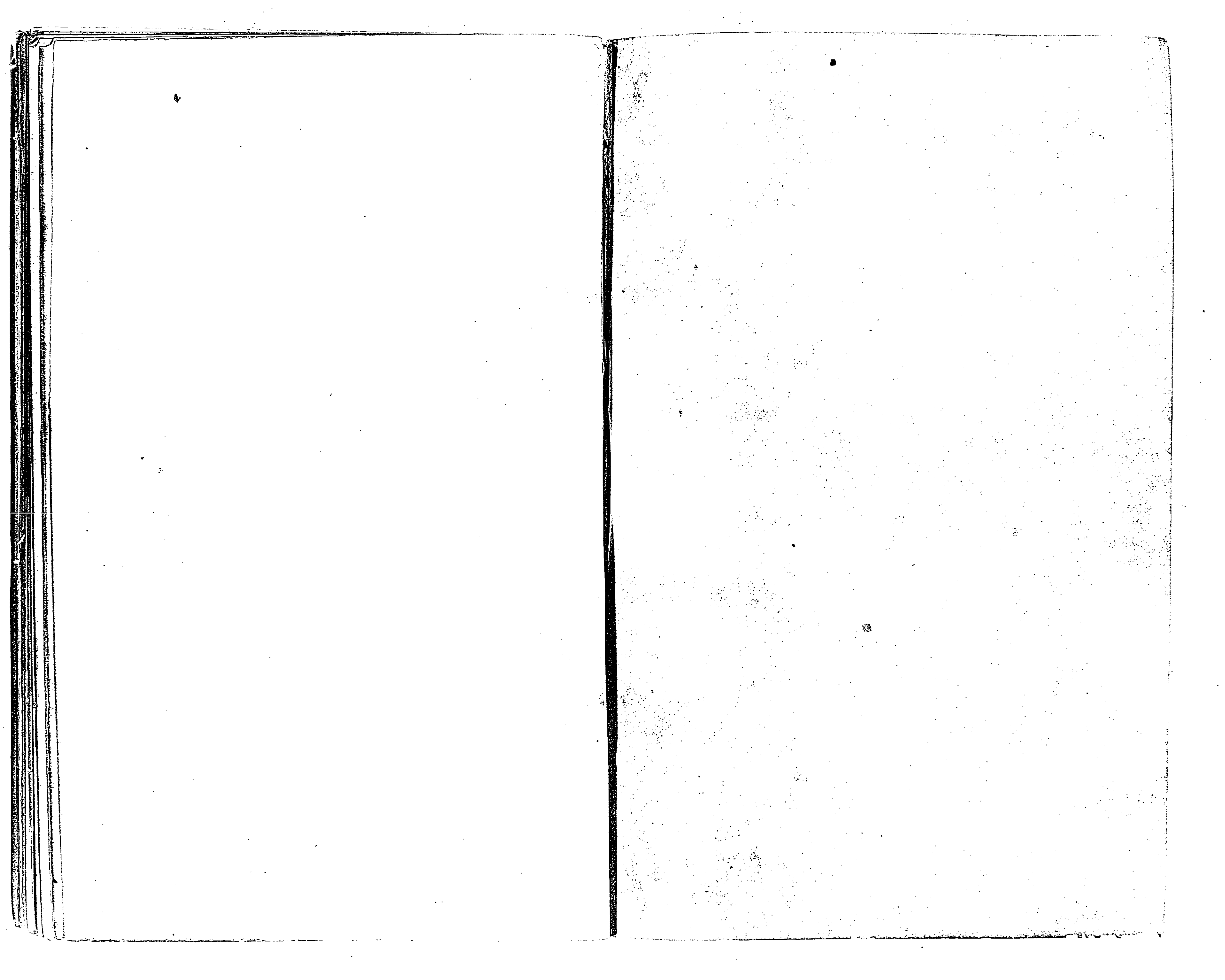
(Signed) WM. HY. THORNTON,
Auditor-General.
Malta, 17th Feb. 1853.

Mr. Thornton informs me that "in 1813, when the plague broke out, the local revenues were in the most flourishing state; up to 1809 they were aided by large subsidies from Great Britain, but from that time, the commercial prosperity of the island having increased, the Civil Government managed to meet its expenses with its own resources, until the cessation of commercial operations, which were driven elsewhere by the epidemic, precisely at the time when the disasters of the French armies threw other ports open to trade. The revenues of the year 1812 amounted to between 130,000l. to 140,000l., a large sum, considering that there was then no corn monopoly of Government, although in the present open trade the consumption duty on wheat has now become the chief source of the island revenues. The deficiency of funds in 1813 was supplied by a subsidy of 172,750l. from the military chest, whereof 16,875l. was repaid

in 1816, leaving 155,875*l.* as the expense which the epidemic occasioned to Great Britain in aid of the Civil Government of Malta, besides the extra amount incurred for the service of the garrison."

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