

in circulation: and as silver is the common medium of exchange, any person who has a considerable sum to receive must take porters, or a cart, to bring away the money. The dollars are generally kept by the merchants tied in bags, containing one thousand each, which, without much examination, pass from one to another.

The commerce is regulated by a body called the Consulado, who have a very splendid hall, where they meet to regulate the affairs of trade. The prior of the Consulado corresponds with the different branches of the administration; and when the necessities of the government require a loan of money, which has been frequently the case of late, he convokes the general body of the merchants, states the wants of the king, and apportions to each the sum he ought to contribute, which is cheerfully complied with, as the money so advanced is allowed them in their payment of the duties.

In the centre of the city there is a signal tower, with men constantly looking out for the arrival of ships, one of whom has acquired such accuracy that he immediately recognises any ship that has ever been in the port, and her name is speedily circulated in a printed paper through the city. This man knew the names, and had made drawings, of all the British ships of war that had been successively employed in blockading this port, and is never mistaken when one of them appears in sight.

generally known that the people of the country are much more industrious than those of the city, and that they are more attached to their country than the city people are. The city people are more fond of the pleasures of the city, and less of the pleasures of the country. The country people are more fond of the pleasures of the country, and less of the pleasures of the city.