

APPENDIX 2

The price of slaves in Constantinople in the late 1430s

Table A2.1. *Price of slaves in Constantinople in the late 1430s*

Date	Description	Price	Source
1436.i.15	one female Russian ('sciava rossa'), c.16 years, called Maria, in sound health	114 <i>hyperpyra</i>	Badoer, <i>Libro</i> , col. 45 p. 90, col. 16 p. 33
1436.viii.7	eight slaves ('teste'), female Circassians and ? ('zirchase e avogaze'), five of whom were good and beautiful females, c.20–25 years, one other female was c.28 years, the other two were young boys ('garzone'), c.14 years, of clean and sound condition	91 <i>hyperpyra</i> each	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 45 p. 90, col. 50 p. 101 (they were sent to Venice)
1436.xi.23	one male slave ('sciavo avogaxo'), c.18 years, kept for work in the house, sold in sound condition	95 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 45 p. 90, col. 141 p. 285
1437.i.24	two slaves ('teste') kept for service in the house, one of whom was a female Russian called Maria, c.16 years, and one male ? ('un sciavo avogaxo'), c.18 years	210 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 172 p. 346, col. 45 p. 91
1437.ii.1	one female ('sciava'), c.20 years, Circassian, with some warts on her left hand	108 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 178 p. 358, col. 169 p. 341
1437.iii.24	two Tatar slaves ('teste tartare'), one male, c.15 years, baptised and given the name Terzo, the other female, c.20 years, called Madalena, both in sound health	180 <i>hyperpyra</i> for the two	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 45 p. 90, col. 64 p. 129 (they were bartered for cloth)

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Date	Description	Price	Source
1437.xi.12	one female Russian ('testa'), c.18 years, short stature, called Chatarina	110 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 135 p. 272
1437.xi.12	one female Tatar ('testa'), c.18 years, tall, called Oraxi in her own language	135 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 135 p. 272, col. 143 p. 289
1437.xi.21	one Russian male ('balaban'), c.20 years, ('desgreziado') castrated?	100 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 135 p. 272, col. 143 p. 289
1437.xi.21	one male Tatar ('balaban'), c.26 years, of average height	100 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 135 p. 272, col. 143 p. 289
1437.xii.10	one female Tatar ('sciava')	135 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 143 p. 288, col. 148 p. 299
1437.xii.17	one male ('balaban')	100 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 143 p. 288, col. 49 p. 99
1438.iii.17	one female Tatar, c.22 years	90 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 172 p. 346, col. 169 p. 341
1438.vii.8	five slaves ('balabani'): two c.20 years, one c.25 years, two c.30 years	70 <i>hyperpyra</i> each	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 172 p. 346, col. 220 p. 443
1438.vii.16	seven slaves ('balabani') all aged between 20 and 25	80 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 172 p. 346, col. 222 p. 447
1438.vii.26	slaves ('teste e balaban')	107.5 <i>hyperpyra</i> each	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 220 p. 442, col. 224 p. 451 <sup>a</sup>
1438.vii.22	one male Tatar slave ('balaban tartaro')	74 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 172 p. 346, col. 222 p. 447 (the slave was sent to Catalonia)
1438.x.2	thirteen slaves ('balabani')	11 at 74 <i>hyperpyra</i> 1 at 50 <i>hyperpyra</i> 1 at 30 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 247 p. 496, col. 231 p. 465
1438.x.3	one slave ('balaban')	74 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 247 p. 496, col. 231 p. 465
1438.x.3	one slave ('balaban')	73 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 247 p. 496, col. 239 p. 465

<sup>a</sup> The entry concerns a partnership of merchants formed for a voyage to Majorca. Large numbers of slaves were involved, one merchant trading 150 slaves, worth 16,125 *hyperpyra*, another 19, worth 2,042.5 *hyperpyra*, another 13, worth 1,397.5 *hyperpyra*. At least some of these slaves were Tatars as one of the references is to a 'balaban tartaro'.

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Date	Description	Price	Source
1438.x.11	del balaban da la quistion	74 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 258 p. 518, col. 231 p. 465
1438.xi.22	one male Russian slave ('sciavo'), c.15 years	27 Venetian gold ducats = 88 <i>hyperpyra</i> 14 karati	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 288 p. 578, col. 249 p. 501
1438.xii.8	one female Tatar ('tartara'), 20 years, with a scar on her forehead ('la qual à una bota sul fronte')	120 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 293 p. 588, col. 258 p. 519
1438.xii.10	one tall female Russian ('sciava rosa atartarada, grande de persona'), c.18–20 years	110 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 293 p. 588, col. 294 p. 591
1439.iii.2	one female ('testa')	110 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 294 p. 590, col. 319 p. 641
1439.iii.9	two female Russian ('rose') slaves ('teste'), one aged 18–20, one aged 13–14 years	190 <i>hyperpyra</i> for the two	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 172 p. 346, col. 211 p. 425
1439.vi.7	two females ('teste')	204 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 327 p. 656, col. 172 p. 347
1439.vii.18	two Russian females ('femene')	90 <i>hyperpyra</i> each	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 224 p. 450, col. 331 p. 665
1439.xi.22	one female ('teste')	107 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 373 p. 748, col. 260 p. 523
1439.xi.28	one male ('avogaxo'), c.20 years, called Zorzi	95 <i>hyperpyra</i>	<i>ibid.</i> , col. 357 p. 716, col. 172 p. 347