

NICPMI Inv. No. 1601

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Property Name	Sta Ubaldesca Curtain - Valletta		
Address	Caraffa Enceinte (Lower St Elmo), Valletta		
Town Name	Valletta	Toponym	Local Council Valletta
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Heritage Malta
Guardianship Deed			

Period	Modern (17th to 18th Century AD)		
Phase	Early Modern: Knights of St John (17th Century)		
Cultural Heritage Type & Value	Historical Architectural	Cultural Heritage Property Value Assessment	Outstanding
Property Function	Fortification	Conservation Area	UCA (Valletta)

Outline Description	Curtain
Property Description	A long curtain wall linking St Lazarus Bastion with St Ubaldesca Bastion, renamed by the British military as Abercrombie Curtain. This formed part of the original Caraffa enceinte. In its present configuration, it contains various British-period gun emplacements and batteries, chief amongst which is a large casemated battery with open gorge and two 4x12-pdr If batteries (left and Right). The extremity of the curtain wall where it joins with San Lazarus Bastion contain a concrete emplacement for a twin-6-pdr QF gun (with Fire Control Tower and magazines - D-Gun). A masonry wall with gateway controls access into the area around the fort. The curtain walls has a largely rockhewn lower scarp and was built across the two openings of the ditch that originally enveloped Fort St Elmo. A blocked-up sally-port is located towards the northern end of the curtain near the reentrant angle of the Flank of Abercrombie Bastion.

Scheduled by MEPA	Yes	Degree of Protection	Grade 1	G.N. No.	133	G.N. Date	2001
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Recommended Bibliography	S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Knights (Malta, 2001), 268-80
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Coordinates : Easting

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Property Plan



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