

NICPMI Inv. No. 1602

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Property Name	St Michael Counterguard - Valletta		
Address	Great Ditch, Valletta		
Town Name	Valletta	Toponym	Local Council Valletta
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	
Guardianship Deed			

Period	Modern (16th 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	Counterguard
Property Description	St Michael Counterguard consists of three tiered platforms built along the western end of the Valletta covertway. Access to the counterguard was either through a covered communication tunnel leading up fro the ditch, across arched bridge from a sally-port in the face of St Michael Bastion or from he covertway through a sally-port on the left flank of the counterguard. Counterguard has a British built gunpowder magazine. A domed echaugette occupies the salient of the lower tier while the remains of a small chapel dedicated to St Rocque (demolished in WWII) stand close by. The counterguard was designed by Giovanni de Medici, the Marquis of St Angelo in 1640.

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



Property Images

