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Property Name	Curtain bteween Notre Dame Bastion and St Clement Bastions – Cottonera Lines				
Address	Cottonera				
Town Name	Bormla	Toponym	-	Local Council	Bormla
Property Owner	Government	Managing Body	Private		
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 (Bormla)	

Outline Description	Curtain			
Property Description	This curtain has no known name. It links Notre Dame Bastion to St Clement Bastion. The curtain as altered by the British military, particularly on its inner side when it was incorporated into a large fortified work known as ST Clement Retrenchment built between 1849 and 1860 a casemated rampart with a continuous walkway interrupted by the gatehouse of St James Gate halfway along its face. The curtain is backed by a sloping terreplein, filling in the casemates. A thick masonry wall, in the shape of a large traverse but acting more like a tenaille, runs along nearly all the length of the curtain inside the main ditch, shielding it from direct fire.			
Scheduled by MEPA	Yes Degree of Protection Grade 1 G.N. No. 133 G.N. Date 2001			

Recommended Bibliography S.C. Spiteri, Fortresses of the Knights (Malta,2001), 295-300



