

PORTUGAL

including
Algarve

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PORTUGAL was successively known by the Phoenicians & Carthaginians under the name of *LYSIAZIA*, and became a Roman Province under the Emperor Augustus it was afterwards invaded and subdued by the Alans &c. in the fifth Century, by the Visigoths in the sixth, and by the Moors & Saracens in the eighth, who were gradually exterminated by the Christians of Leon, Castile &c. Alphonso VI King of Leon, being aided by Henry of Burgundy, a descendant of Hugh Capet King of France, who in 1147, subdued the Moors in the 2^d Northern Province, which conquest he received as a Marriage Portion with Theresa, natural daughter of Alphonso 10th his son Alphonso Henriquez took Lisbon with the greatest part of Beira & Estremadura, and was proclaimed King by the Soldiers, after the Battle of Ourique 1139, having defeated 5 Moorish Kings, and whose 5 Shields have since been incorporated to form the Arms of Portugal; in 1188 he held an Assembly of the States at Lamego, to constitute the Fundamental Laws of the Kingdom of Portugal, the Moors were afterwards gradually subdued in the Southern Provinces, by succeeding Kings, but Algarve being disputed by Castile as no part of Portugal, was however continued to Alphonso III in 1255, as a separate Kingdom.

The Capetine legitimate race failing by the death of Ferdinand 1383, the Throne was claimed by John of Castile, who was defeated at the Battle of Aljubarrota, 1385, by John of Avis, a natural Brother of Ferdinand, John was in consequence elected King, and his descendants enjoyed the Throne, for the 2nd most brilliant Century of their since History, memorable for their Great Discoveries, and Immense Acquisitions in both Hemispheres.

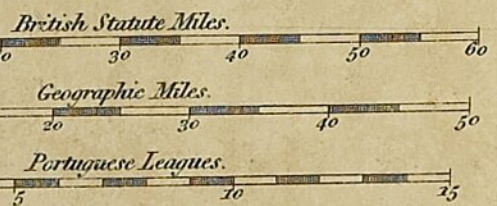
Sebastian being slain at the Battle of Alcazar in Africa, was succeeded by Cardinal Henry, who dying 1580, the Throne was seized by Philip II King of Spain, to which Crown it remained annexed till the Grand Revolution 1800, which placed the Duke of Braganza, a descendant of the Royal Family, on the Throne of Portugal, by the name of John IV, in whose Family it has since continued.

Portugal contains 6 Provinces, including the Kingdom of Algarve, subdivided either into Corroasas, belonging to the Crown, or Ouidurias, pertaining to private owners, as Cathedral, Religious or Military Orders, branches of the Royal Family, Nobles &c.

who each appoint their Ouidor, as the Royal Court does the Corroedores, Portugal besides its Trans Marine Colonies, possesses the Sovereignty of the Atlantic Islands of the Azores & Madiera, each under a Corroedor, and the Cape Verde, under an Ouidor. The District of Olivenza was ceded by Portugal to Spain, by Treaty of Badajoz, 1801.

The Ecclesiastical State of Portugal, is under 10 Bishops, subordinate to 3 Arch Bishops (not including those of Brazil, the East Indies, Africa &c.) and a Patriarch, who as Archbishop of West Lisbon, has for Subalterns, the Bishops of Leiria & Lamego, the Archbishop of Braga has Ouidor, Visca Comita, & Miranda, subordinate to Evora, are those of Elvas & Faro, and under him of Lisbon, & East Lisbon, are Portalegre & Guarda, besides having the Bishop of Ribeira in the Cape Verde, the Bishops of Funchal in Madiera, & Angra in the Azores, are under the Patriarch.

Besides the above 3 Arch-episcopal & 10 Episcopal Cities, there are those of Beja, Braganza & Tavira, to which some add Silves.



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