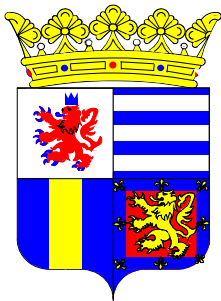


Esclignac



Description of Arms :

Ecartelé : au 1, d'argent au lion de gueules, lampassé, armé et couronné d'azur ; au 2, d'azur à trois fascés d'argent ; au 3, d'azur au pal d'or ; au 4, de gueules au lion d'or ; à la bordure d'azur chargée de huit fleurs de lys d'or.

Principal Title : Duke of Esclignac.

Creation : 1787. Confirmed, 1873.

Subsidiary Titles : Duke of Fimarcon (1819) ; Grandee of Spain, 1st Class (1787) ; Peer (1819).

Family Name : de Preissac d'Esclignac.

Family History : The original Doublet de Persan family provided a Secretary to the King in 1670 and a marquisate was conferred in 1764. This branch died out in 1828. However, the rank of Grandee of Spain, First Class, had been awarded by Carlos IV in 1787. The right to inherit this was confirmed to the Duke of Esclignac in 1873. This, in turn, may have become extinct in 1911.

As for the Preissac family, descent can be traced to Vital de Preissac, around 1295. One branch, in the person of Henri-Tomas-Charles (known as Preissac d'Esclignac), obtained the rank of Marquis d'Esclignac. He married , in 1787, Elisabeth de Saxe, first cousin of Frederick-Augustus who became the first King of Saxony. Following this marriage, the title of Duke of Esclignac was accorded by Charles III of Spain, with the added style of Grandee.

Their son, Charles-Philippe (1790-1873) married Gerogine de Talleyrand-Perigord and was authorised to carry the title of Duke de Firmacon during the lifetime of his father. He was not allowed to succeed his father, however, owing to the lack of a suitable *majorat*. The Firmacon title continued until the death of Boson in 1853.

It has been claimed that his sister had the right to pass on the title to her marital family, Doublet de Persan and, in the XX century, the then *Garde des Sceaux* (Minister of Justice) gave the opinion that the Esclignac title was tied to the land of the same name and that the holder of this terrain therefore had the right to use the titles.

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Vital de Preissac as de Montgaillard (cited in 1295)
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