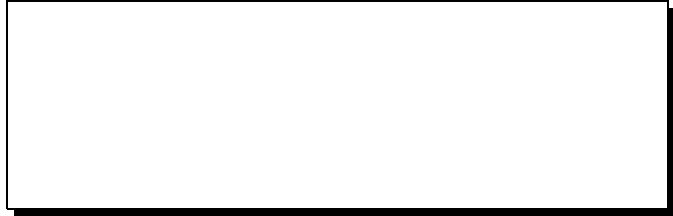


Bivona

Description of Arms :



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Principal Title : Duke of Bivona.

Creation : Recognised in Italy, 1854

Subsidiary Titles : Count of Caltabellota, Patrician of Naples, Count of Sclafani.

Family Name : Alvarez de Toledo.

Family History : As the patronymic suggests, this was originally a Spanish family. In the XVI Century, The Alvarez de Toledo were holders of the marquisate of Villanueva de Toledo, of feudal nobility. But relations between Naples and Spain were close, at that period and a junior member of the Alvarez family had married into that of the Moncada. In 1683, he inherited from his wife's family the fiefdoms and titles of a branch of the Dukes of Paterno. This dukedom later passed into the ownership of the Duke of Medina Sidonia.

However, the titles of Duke of Fernandina and of Montalto were recognised, in 1894, together with those of Count of Aderno, of Caltabellotta and of Collesano and others. The dukedom of Bivona, having already been recognised in 1854, was reconfirmed in 1894. It is now held by the Duke de Fernán-Nuñez.

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Alvaro Alvarez de Toledo,
Duke of Bivona, Count of Caltabellota