

# Molfetta

## *Description of Arms :*

Inquartato : al 1° e 4°, d'oro all'aquila di nero, coronata del campo ; al 2° e 3°, d'argento alla colonna di marmo bianco, coronata d'oro, accollata da due viti con tre giri, al naturale ; colla bordura composta d'oro e d'azzurro.

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**Principal Title :** Prince di Molfetta.

**Creation :** Originally, 1521.

**Subsidiary Titles :** Marquis of Cerano, Count of Colturano, Duke of San Pietro.

**Family Name :** Gallarati Scotti.

**Family History :** This family, long established in Milan, first came to prominence, in 1647, when Carlo Gallarati was given the Hispano-Milanese title of marquis of Cerano. In 1729, they inherited the name and titles of the Scotti family, which included the county of Colturano. The two names were, at the same time, joined together. It was also in the XVIII Century that one of its members was chosen to be a cardinal.

In 1794, there was a marriage with Maria Teresa Spinola, which introduced into the Gallarati Scotti family the titles of Prince of Molfetta, created by Charles Quint in 1521, and Duke of San Pietro in Galatina, created by Philip IV in 1621. These latter titles were confirmed in Naples in 1828, with further Lombardo-Venetian recognition, three years later. In 1892, there was general Italian recognition, with the rank of Patrician Noble, both Neapolitan and Milanese.

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Don Gian Carlo Gallarati Scotti, Prince di Molfetta