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House of Grimaldi: Branch of Antibes. 4 documents, 1381-1431

House of Grimaldi: Branch of Antibes. A group of 4 important manuscript documents in Latin on vellum relating to Luc (c. 1330-1409) and Marc (died after 1396) de Grimaldi of Antibes, their children, and the castle of Antibes and other properties, 1381-1431:

1. Notarial instrument of George de Valle; procuration to her father by Katherine daughter of Marc de Grimaldi to deal with her inheritance from her maternal grandfather Raymond Marchasaum of the city of Nice, lately dead, done in Katherine's chamber in the castle of Calizami, 22 June 1381, to take possession of the house in the Place St Jacques, Nice, and other possessions in the city and its territory; the moiety of the castle of Cagnes-sur-Mer; of the castle of Lupeto and the house of Villeneuve, and other property; to begin an inventory of his goods and inheritance if it seems good to her father and proctor; to give, sell or alienate the goods as they see fit; to obtain and recover her rights; to take civil and criminal proceedings before ecclesiastical and secular judges on her behalf, recites: will of her maternal grandfather Raimond making Katherine his heir, 28 Apr 1381; confirmation by her of the acts done on her behalf by her father Marc, some spotting and a few small holes to folds with negligible loss to lettering, 42 x 29 cm

2. Antipope Clement VII to the brothers Marc and Luc de Grimaldi, Grant of office, given at Avignon, 13 June 1384, giving them the rule of the castle of Antibes, lately subject to the violence and rapine of impious rebels, with a grant of its rights, fruits, rents, tithes, offerings and emoluments; they are to take the accustomed oath before Francis [de Conzie], bishop of Grenoble, our chamberlain, before they begin to exercise the office, large initial 'C' and long ascenders on the first line, 4 cm hole to third and fourth lines with loss of text, lead papal bulla (very rubbed) appended by cords, 34 x 56 cm

3. Antipope Clement VII to the brothers Marc and Luc de Grimaldi, Mortgage for 2200 golden florins, given at Avignon, 8 February 1390, the castle of Antibes in the diocese of Grasse, formerly belonging to the episcopal table of Grasse but now to the papacy, with its territory, district and jurisdiction, homages, vassals and rights, Recites: having settled the accounts relating to an armed galley constructed by them for the service of the Roman Church against the kingdom of Sicily in 1380, 2200 golden florins are found to be owing to the Grimaldis, subscribed: de Curia; P de Mussiaco, large initial 'C' and long ascenders on the first line, lead papal bulla appended by cords, 33 x 55 cm

4. **Pope Martin V**, Decree, given at Rome, 1 February 1431, that *Nicolas, Georges and Honnorat Grimaldi and their heirs should possess the castle of Antibes*, Recites: document above; descent of the rights of *Luc and Marc Grimaldi to their sons Jean and Nicolas and Georges and Honnorat*; letters of *Baldassare Cossa, bishop of Tusculum and antipope John XXIII, appointing the brothers vicars of the castle*; petition of *Anthoine bishop of Grasse to Martin V claiming that the castle belonged to his diocese and was detained from him by Nicolas, Georges and Honnorat*; investigation by *Louis Aleman Cardinal of St Cecilia*, calligraphic first line with highly decorative first word 'Martinis', 35 x 63 cm, lacks papal bulla, the three papal documents written in fine papal minuscule script; plus a detached lead papal bulla of Antipope Clement VII with remains of silk threads attached

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