

# PORTUGAL

including Algarve

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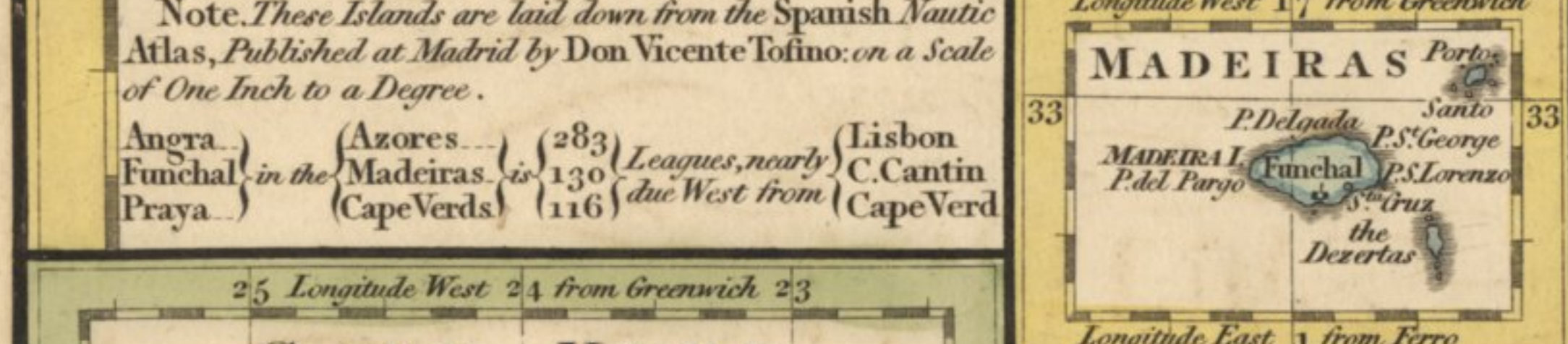
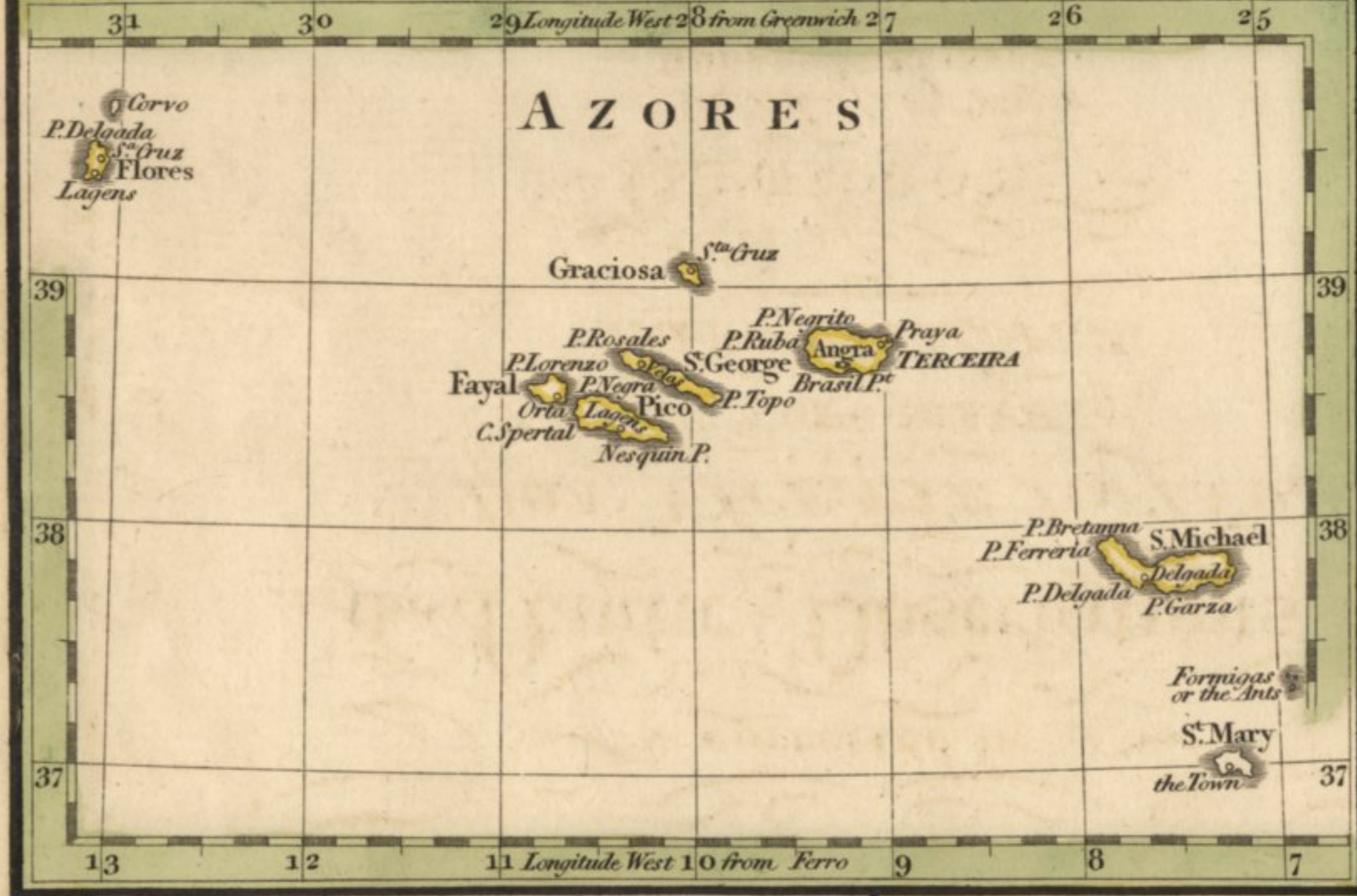
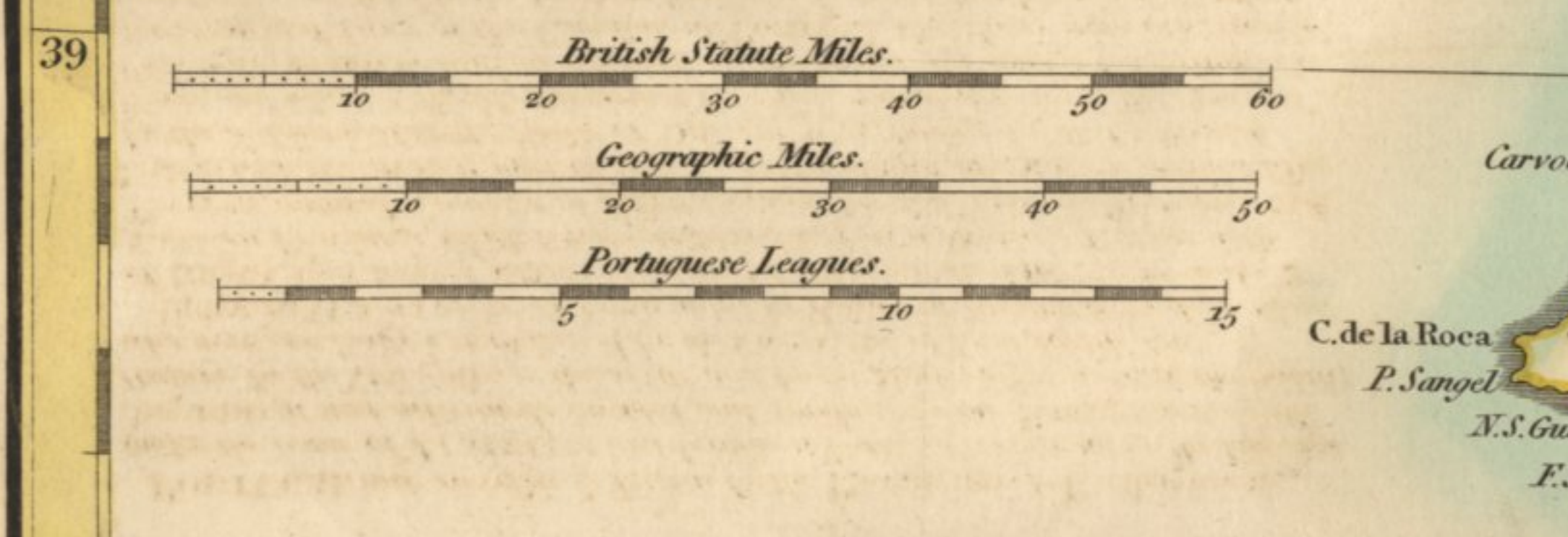
PORTUGAL was successively known by the Phenicians & Carthaginians, under the name of *LUSITANIA*, and became a Roman Province under the Emperor Augustus it was afterwards invaded and subdued by the Moors & Saracens in the fifth Century, by the Visi goths in the sixth, and by the Moors & Saracens in the 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 17 battles, subdued the Moors in the 2 Northern Provinces, which conquests he received as a Marriage Portion with Theresa, natural daughter of Alphonso 1099, 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 1143 he held an Assembly of the States at Lamego, to institute 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 confirmed to Alphonso III in 1253, as a separate Kingdom.

The Caprine legitimate race ending 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 2 most brilliant Centuries of Portuguese 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, which crown remained annexed till the Grand Revolution 1640, when 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 Corregimientos, belonging to the Crown, or Ovidorias pertaining to private owners, as Cathedral, Religious or Military Orders, the Royal Family, Nobles &c. who each appoint their Ovidor, as the Royal Council does the Corregidores. Portugal besides its three Marine Colonies possesses the Sovereignty of the Atlantic Islands, of the Azores & Madeiras, each under a Corregidor, and the Cape Verde, under an Ovidor. 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 Suffragans the Bishops of Leria & Lamego. The Archbishop of Braga, has Oporto, Viseu, Coimbra, & Miranda, subordinate to Evora, are those of Elvas & Faro, and under him of Lisbon, & East Lisbon, & Portalegre & Guadalupe, besides having the Bishop of Ribeira in the Cape Verde, the Bishop of Funchal in Madeira, & Braga in the Azores, are under the Patriarch. Besides the above 3 Arch-bishops & 10 Episcopal Cities, there are those of Beja, Braganza & Laxiva, to which some add Silves.





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