

# Raron case

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Between the end of the XIV<sup>E</sup> and the beginning of the XV<sup>E</sup> S., the barons of R. rose quickly with the ecclesiastical and secular functions most important of Were worth it. After the death of Bishop William I<sup>d</sup>e R. in 1402 and that of his father Pierre in 1413, an open opposition to the new bishop Guillaume II de R. and the claims of his uncle the episcopal bailiff Guichard de R., was born in Upper Valais. In 1414, the Emperor Sigismund conferred on the latter hereditary sovereignty over the county of Valais in recognition of the services rendered in Lombardy. The high jurisdiction, with all the rights resulting from the donation of 999, was thus to pass from the bishop to the R. In 1415, under the leadership of the Société du Chien (so named after its banner) of Brig, a burst to which joined almost all the regions which depended on the bishop. From Sierre to Conches, the dizains did not intend to lose the independence successfully defended against the Savoy, to the benefit of a local noble family. They besieged Guichard and his relatives, who had retreated to the Château de la Soie near Savièse; they obtained his resignation, as well as a right of participation in the government of the delegates elected

by the communes. In 1416, after a short truce, incidents on both sides worsened the situation again. Guichard allied with the Savoy, while the dizain of Conches concluded a treaty of combourgeoisie with the cantons of Lucerne, Uri and Unterwalden. The tens destroyed the castles of Beauregard, Tourbillon and Montorge, in order to weaken the military position of the bishop. Guichard then ensured the support of Bern, which led to the division of the Confederation. The mediation of Schwyz, Glaris, Zug and Zurich, neutral in this affair, remained without effect and, in September 1417, Guichard and his family had to leave the country for good. In 1418, after negotiations failed again, Bern undertook a plundering expedition to Sion via the Sanetsch Pass, and in 1419 attempted an invasion via the Grimsel. Bern asked for help from the cantons of central Switzerland on several occasions, threatening to provoke a crisis of the Confederation and a civil war. After the failure of the invasion, peace was signed at Evian in 1420. Berne and Guichard were granted monetary compensation and restitution of their property, and Sion recovered the items stolen from the cathedral in 1418. But, with this affair, the R. lost their power. attempted an invasion by the Grimsel. Bern asked for help from the cantons of central Switzerland on several occasions, threatening to provoke a crisis of the Confederation and a civil war. After the failure of the invasion, peace was signed at Evian in 1420. Berne and Guichard were granted monetary compensation and restitution of their property, and Sion recovered the items stolen from the cathedral in 1418. But, with this affair, the R. lost their power. attempted an invasion by the Grimsel. Bern asked for help from the cantons of central Switzerland on several occasions, threatening to

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