

Jost von Silenen

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Jost von Silenen (Küssnacht , 1435 or 1445 – France , December 1498) was a Swiss Catholic bishop .

Biography

He studied civil and canon law at the University of Pavia ^[1] . Starting in 1472 von Silenen moved to the court of King Louis XI of France as a representative of the Swiss Confederation . On behalf of the French ruler he helped seal the 1474 peace agreement between the Swiss and Duke Sigismund of Austria . The following year he became coadjutor of Grenoble . Thanks to the services rendered to the French crown for the assignment of Franche-Comté after the defeat of Charles the Bold , in 1477 , von Silenen was appointed bishop of Grenoble ^[1] .

In 1482 he was proclaimed bishop of Sion with the support of the Valais diet ^[1] . In 1484, at the head of the Valais militias, he crossed the Alps and sacked the Val d'Ossola as far as Domo . Three years later he tried again to repeat the feat, however his plan of conquest failed when his army was stopped and defeated by Milanese troops near Crevola and Masera .

After the defeat suffered and the peace signed with Milan, von Silenen's authority was undermined by the rise of Georges Supersaxo . With the occupation of the city of Sion in 1496 by the militias of Brig , Goms and Visp , the bishop was forced to flee to Lyon . The following year, officially deprived of his office, he was named titular bishop of Gerapolis .

Notes

- 1. Philipp Kalbermatter, *Jost von Silenen* , in *Historical Dictionary of Switzerland* .

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