



Kingdom of Sardinia

Status: Minor nation.

Description: Italian state south of Switzerland including the island of Sardinia.

Monarch: His Majesty King Victor Emmanuel I (left).

Delegate: Marquis Filippo Antonio di San Marzano (right).

Background

Before the Napoleonic Wars, the 'States of His Majesty the King of Sardinia' (as they were formally known) were not governed from the island of Sardinia, but the larger Principality of Piedmont on the Italian mainland. Sardinia itself was seen as of secondary importance, at least until France invaded and annexed Piedmont, forcing the royal family to abandon the mainland and hold out on the island until the end of the Napoleonic Wars.

Objectives

Sardinia's foremost and most obvious objective was to get their mainland territory back, which was more wealthy and more favourable to the royal house of Savoy (the island itself having revolted against their Piedmontese overlords only a few years prior). Sardinia also sought to be empowered with additional territory, to better serve as a buffer against French expansionism.



Mainland possessions of the King of Sardinia in 1792