Linking the House of Lancaster with the House of Aviz
and a note on the migration of distinguished Marranos from Portugal

Henry of Grosmont (Duke of Lancaster)  
m Isabel de Beaumont  Edward III Plantagenet, King of England  1327 - 1377

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Philippa of Lancaster  m (1387) John I, King of Portugal  1385-1433

Duarte (Edward), King of Portugal  1433-1438  
m Eleanor of Aragon

Afonso V, King of Portugal  1438-1481  Ferdinand, Duke of Viseu  
m Isabella of Coimbra  m Beatrice of Viseu (cousin)

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<td>John II, King of Portugal  1481-1495  Manuel I, King of Portugal  1495-1521  m Maria of Aragon</td>
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by his mistress Ana de Mendonça

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| Jorge de Lancastre  
Duke of Coimbra  |

John III, King of Portugal  1521-1557  m Catherine of Austria  
Governors of Portuguese colonies included
Pedro Mascarenhas and Lopo Vaz de Sampayo

Sampayo - Belmonte

In 1519 King Manuel I granted the city and name of Belmonte to Dom Iago de Sampayo who married Andrea Mascarenhas in 1522.

In 1551 their son Bartholomeu was sent on a diplomatic mission to the Netherlands where he changed his name to van Schoenenberg.

[ principal source: R.Gottheil’s book The Belmont - Belmonte Family and entry in the Jewish Encyclopedia
Numerous articles by Pedro Edronkin on Andinia.com provide additional more speculative background]

Some Belmonte descendants in Germany, Denmark and elsewhere took names of Schoenber or Schoenberger

granddaughter Anna de Lancastre  m  Bartholomeu de Sampayo y Belmonte (born 1525)
Footnotes

1 Jorge de Lancastre (1481-1550), Duke of Coimbra m. Beatriz de Vilhena, daughter of Alonso of Braganza. Articles on Andinia.com where his descendants including Anna de Lancastre are to be found. One of Jorge de Lancastre’s sons was Jaime, who became Portugal’s first Inquisitor-General and appears to have been an uncle of Anna de Lancastre, spouse of Bartholomeu de Sampayo Belmonte who was of Marrano descent.


“It is quite probable that Anna de Lancastre belonged to this family. The supposition is strengthened when we remember that another female scion of this same Lancaster family, Dona Magdalena de Lancastre (expressly stated to have been "of royal blood"), was married to a Marrano, Francisco de Brito Coutinho, son of Heitor (Hector) Mendes de Brito, called De Elvas, a knight of the royal house.' Such eminent connections as these need not fill us with any wonder. The Jews, and especially the Marranos, occupied such a position for several centuries that they were able to aspire to the highest. There is a story, told again and again, that when, in consequence of the Inquisition, the proposition was made in Portugal to distinguish all Jews and all descendants of Jews by forcing them to wear yellow hats, the Marquis of Pombal appeared before the king with three yellow caps in his hand. When asked for whom they were, he replied: "One is for your Majesty, a second is for myself and the third is for the Inquisitor-General."

3 Lopo Vaz de Sampayo (ca 1480 – 1534) was Governor of Portuguese India from 1526 to 1529. He is referred to as the father of Dom Iago de Sampayo y Belmonte (P. Edronkin, Andinia.com).