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**THE MEMOIRS OF CARDINAL DE
RETZ**

By Cardinal de Retz



L. Ponce

Hubert Sculp.

JEAN FRANCOIS PAUL,
De Gondy, Cardinal de Retz.
Second Archevesque de Paris.
Né en 1614. Mort le 24. d'Aouet 1679.



Louis XIII.



Anne of Austria



Cardinal Richelieu

*Always judged of actions by men, and
never men by their actions*

*Always to sacrifice the little affairs
to the greater*

*Arms which are not tempered by laws
quickly become anarchy*

Associating patience with activity

*Assurance often supplies the room of
good sense*

*Blindness that make authority to
consist only in force*

*Bounty, which, though very often
secret, had the louder echo*

Buckingham had been in love with three

Queens

*By the means of a hundred pistoles
down, and vast promises*

*Civil war as not powerful enough to
conclude a peace*

*Civil war is one of those complicated
diseases*

*Clergy always great examples of slavish
servitude*

*Confounded the most weighty with the
most trifling*

*Contempt—the most dangerous disease of
any State*

*Dangerous to refuse presents from one's
superiors*

*Distinguished between bad and worse,
good and better*

*Fading flowers, which are fragrant
to-day and offensive tomorrow*

False glory and false modesty

*Fool in adversity and a knave in
prosperity*

*Fools yield only when they cannot help
it*

*Good news should be employed in
providing against bad*

*He weighed everything, but fixed on
nothing*

*He knew how to put a good gloss upon
his failings*

*He had not a long view of what was
beyond his reach*

*Help to blind the rest of mankind, and
they even become blinder*

*His ideas were infinitely above his
capacity*

His wit was far inferior to his courage

*Impossible for her to live without
being in love with somebody*

Inconvenience of popularity

*Insinuation is of more service than
that of persuasion*

*Is there a greater in the world than
heading a party?*

*Kinds of fear only to be removed by
higher degrees of terror*

*Laws without the protection of arms
sink into contempt*

*Man that supposed everybody had a back
door*

*Maxims showed not great regard for
virtue*

*Mazarin: embezzling some nine millions
of the public money*

*Men of irresolution are apt to catch at
all overtures*

*More ambitious than was consistent with
morality*

*My utmost to save other souls, though I
took no care of my own*

*Need of caution in what we say to our
friends*

*Neither capable of governing nor being
governed*

*Never had woman more contempt for
scruples and ceremonies*

*Nothing is so subject to delusion as
piety*

*Oftener deceived by distrusting than by
being overcredulous*

*One piece of bad news seldom comes
singly*

*Only way to acquire them is to show
that we do not value them*

*Passed for the author of events of
which I was only the prophet*

Poverty so well became him

Power commonly keeps above ridicule

*Pretended to a great deal more wit than
came to his share*

*Queen was adored much more for her
troubles than for her merit*

*She had nothing but beauty, which cloy
when it comes alone*

*So indiscreet as to boast of his
successful amours*

*Strongest may safely promise to the
weaker what he thinks fit*

*The subdivision of parties is generally
the ruin of all*

The wisest fool he ever saw in his life

Those who carry more sail than ballast

*Thought he always stood in need of
apologies*

Transitory honour is mere smoke

Treated him as she did her petticoat

*Useful man in a faction because of his
wonderful complacency*

*Vanity to love to be esteemed the first
author of things*

*Verily believed he was really the man
which he affected to be*

*Virtue for a man to confess a fault
than not to commit one*

*We are far more moved at the hearing of
old stories*

*Weakening and changing the laws of the
land*

*Who imagine the head of a party to be
their master*

*Whose vivacity supplied the want of
judgment*

*Wisdom in affairs of moment is nothing
without courage*

With a design to do good, he did evil

Yet he gave more than he promised

*You must know that, with us Princes,
words go for nothing*

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