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## **MEMOIRS OF LOUIS XIV.**

**Duc de Saint-Simon**



**Louis XIV. In Conferance With Madame Maintenon**

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Effect Of The Edict Of Nantes



### Search Of The Spanish Ambassador

*A cardinal may be poisoned, stabbed,  
got rid of altogether*

*A good friend when a friend at all,  
which was rare*

*A King's son, a King's father, and  
never a King*

*A lingering fear lest the sick man  
should recover*

*A king is made for his subjects, and*

*not the subjects for him*

*Admit our ignorance, and not to give  
fictions and inventions*

*Aptitude did not come up to my desire*

*Arranged his affairs that he died  
without money*

*Artagnan, captain of the grey  
musketeers*

*Believed that to undertake and succeed  
were only the same things*

*But with a crawling baseness equal to  
her previous audacity*

*Capacity was small, and yet he believed  
he knew everything*

*Compelled to pay, who would have  
preferred giving voluntarily*

*Conjugal impatience of the Duc de  
Bourgogne*

*Countries of the Inquisition, where  
science is a crime*

*Danger of inducing hypocrisy by placing  
devotion too high*

*Death came to laugh at him for the  
sweating labour he had taken*

*Depopulated a quarter of the realm*

*Desmarets no longer knew of what wood  
to make a crutch*

*Enriched one at the expense of the  
other*

*Exceeded all that was promised of her,  
and all that I had hoped*

*Few would be enriched at the expense of  
the many*

*For penance: "we must make our servants  
fast"*

*For want of better support I sustained  
myself with courage*

*Found it easier to fly into a rage than  
to reply*

*From bad to worse was easy*

*He had pleased (the King) by his drugs*

*He limped audaciously*

*He was often firm in promises*

*He was so good that I sometimes  
reproached him for it*

*He was born bored; he was so accustomed  
to live out of himself*

*He liked nobody to be in any way  
superior to him*

*He was scarcely taught how to read or  
write*

*He was accused of putting on an  
imperceptible touch of rouge*

*Height to which her insignificance had risen*

*His death, so happy for him and so sad for his friends*

*His habits were publicly known to be those of the Greeks*

*His great piety contributed to weaken his mind*

*I abhorred to gain at the expense of others*

*Ignorance and superstition the first of virtues*

*Imagining themselves everywhere in marvellous danger of capture*

*In order to say something cutting to you, says it to himself*

*Indiscreet and tyrannical charity*

*Interests of all interested painted on their faces*

*It is a sign that I have touched the sore point*

*Jesuits: all means were good that furthered his designs*

*Juggle, which put the wealth of Peter into the pockets of Paul*

*King was being wheeled in his easy chair in the gardens*

*Less easily forget the injuries we inflict than those received*

*Madame de Maintenon in returning young and poor from America*

*Make religion a little more palpable*

*Manifesto of a man who disgorges his bile*

*Mightily tired of masters and books*

*Monseigneur, who had been out wolf-hunting*

*More facility I have as King to gratify myself*

*My wife went to bed, and received a crowd of visitors*

*Never been able to bend her to a more human way of life*

*Never was a man so ready with tears, so backward with grief*

*No means, therefore, of being wise among so many fools*

*Not allowing ecclesiastics to meddle with public affairs*

*Of a politeness that was unendurable*

*Oh, my lord! how many virtues you make me detest*

*Omissions must be repaired as soon as they are perceived*

*Others were not allowed to dream as he  
had lived*

*People who had only sores to share*

*People with difficulty believe what  
they have seen*

*Persuaded themselves they understood  
each other*

*Polite when necessary, but insolent  
when he dared*

*Pope excommunicated those who read the  
book or kept it*

*Pope not been ashamed to extol the  
Saint-Bartholomew*

*Promotion was granted according to  
length of service*

*Received all the Court in her bed*

*Reproaches rarely succeed in love*

*Revocation of the edict of Nantes*

*Rome must be infallible, or she is  
nothing*

*Said that if they were good, they were  
sure to be hated*

*Saw peace desired were they less  
inclined to listen to terms*

*Scarcely any history has been written  
at first hand*

*Seeing him eat olives with a fork!*

*She lose her head, and her accomplice  
to be broken on the wheel*

*Spark of ambition would have destroyed  
all his edifice*

*Spoil all by asking too much*

*Spoke only about as much as three or  
four women*

*Sulpicians*

*Supported by unanswerable reasons that  
did not convince*

*Suspicion of a goitre, which did not  
ill become her*

*Teacher lost little, because he had  
little to lose*

*The clergy, to whom envy is not  
unfamiliar*

*The porter and the soldier were  
arrested and tortured*

*The shortness of each day was his only  
sorrow*

*The most horrible sights have often  
ridiculous contrasts*

*The argument of interest is the best of  
all with monks*

*The nothingness of what the world calls  
great destinies*

*The safest place on the Continent*

*There was no end to the outrageous civilities of M. de Coislin*

*Touched, but like a man who does not wish to seem so*

*Unreasonable love of admiration, was his ruin*

*We die as we have lived, and 'tis rare it happens otherwise*

*Whatever course I adopt many people will condemn me*

*Whitehall, the largest and ugliest palace in Europe*

*Who counted others only as they stood in relation to himself*

*Wise and disdainful silence is difficult to keep under reverses*

*With him one's life was safe*

*World; so unreasoning, and so little in accord with itself*

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