

The Richelieu Correspondence Project

*A finding aid and digital archive
of the unpublished letters of
Armand-Jean du Plessis, Cardinal Richelieu*

About

The Finding Aid

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The project

Information here about the scope and purpose of the project: That Richelieu was an influential figure in 17th century France and contributed to the development of the nation-state in Europe; that his vast correspondence was scattered at the Revolution, now exists in archives and private collections across Europe and North America; many letters compiled and published M. Avenel 1853-77, but that is incomplete; historians have stated a need for a complete correspondence collection.

“Completeness” not really possible in print but this collection could grow as more letters are found and include letters written to Richelieu as well as his own letters; metadata are provided for each letter and will also be uploaded to correspSearch for potential linking with others in Richelieu’s circle of correspondents. Transkribus OCR used for early modern print letters, letters in manuscript manually transcribed. All letters provided here in facsimile, transcriptions of letters legible to me will be added as they are completed; users are invited to correct my transcriptions and submit their own.

Editorial policy statement

What changes were made silently to manuscript and print letters (line breaks ignored, abbreviations expanded, end-of-line hyphens removed). User will be able to choose from two transcription views, a diplomatic and regularized, with letter **u** changed to **v** and **i** changed to **j** as appropriate.

General notes—Members of the royal family called cardinals, as princes of the church, “mon cousin” as a courtesy. French names include titles and land-grant names, complete names, birth and death dates, and some biographical information available in “People.” Seventeenth-century geographic names are often different from modern names; equivalents and lat-long coordinates available in “Places.”

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Sort by ▼

Filter by:

Archive

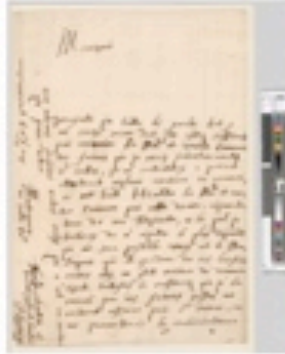
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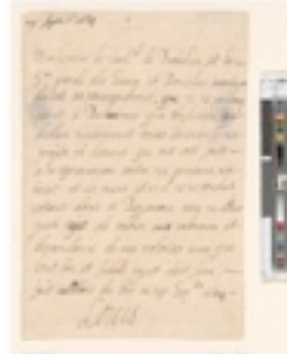
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1. Richelieu to Valette



2. Louis XIII to Richelieu



3. Christine of France to Richelieu



4. Montmorency to Richelieu



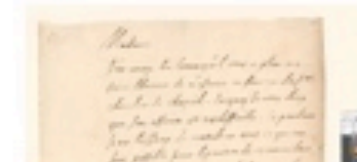
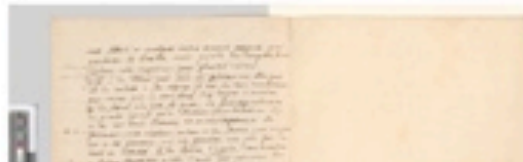
5. Richelieu to Hemery



6. Richelieu to Chavigny



7. Noyers to Richelieu



Letters in manuscript held by

Morgan Library and Museum, New York

Timoléon d'Épinay, Marquis de Saint Luc, to Cardinal Richelieu, 4 August [1631]

Record ID: 126906

Accession Number: MA 23051

Language: French

Summary: Épinay warns that troops may disperse if not paid within the month.

Henri II, Duke de Montmorency, to Cardinal Richelieu, 20 September 1629

Record ID: 132070

Accession Number: MA 23054

Language: French

Summary: Montmorency insists the protestants of Toulouse are loyal to the king.

Henrietta Maria, Queen Consort of Charles I of England, to Cardinal Richelieu, n.d.

Record ID: 190649

Accession Number: MA 4801

Language: French

Summary: The queen thanks Richelieu for his warm reception of Buckingham.

Sir James Hepburn to Cardinal Richelieu, 16 August 1629

Record ID: 103601

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Titles would link to facsimiles and transcriptions (if available).

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Jean-Louis Guez de Balzac to Richelieu, 4 October 1622

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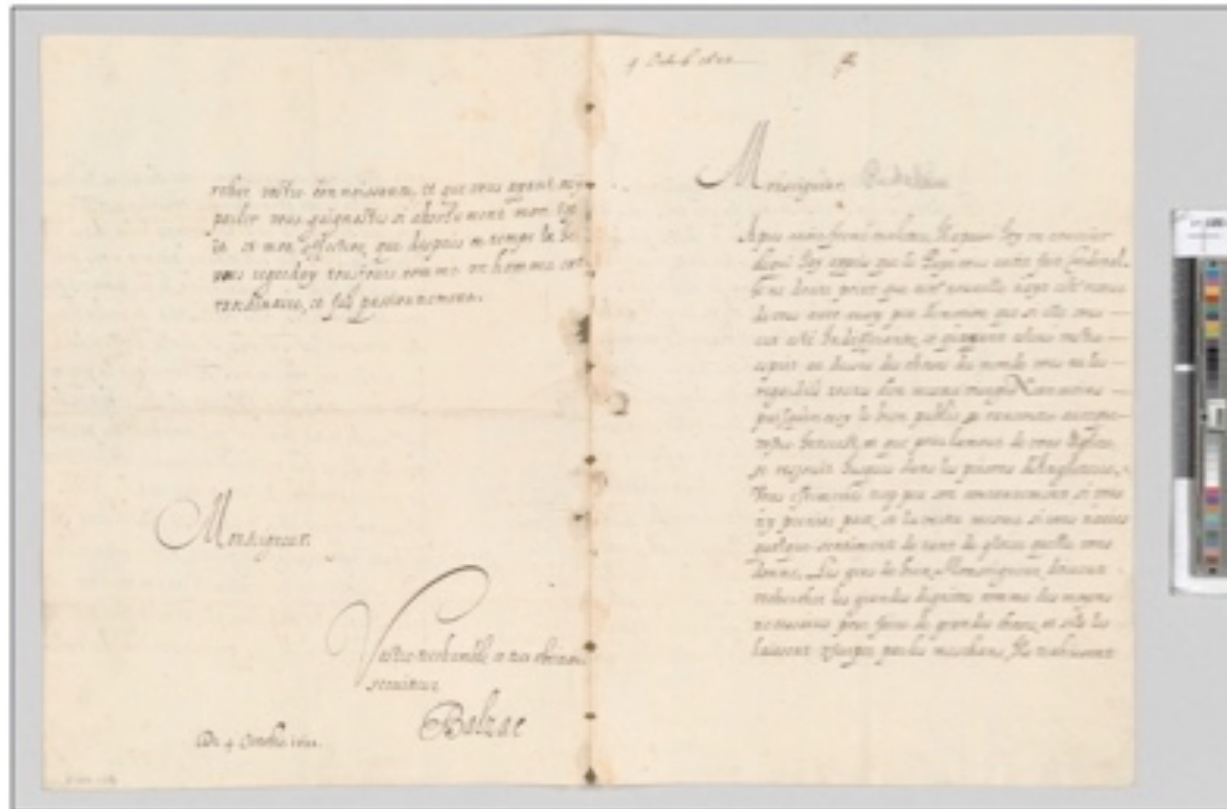
Sender

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58. Jean-Louis Guez de Balzac to Richelieu, 4 October 1622. Fol. 4v to 1r. Fol. 2v to 3r. The Morgan Library and Museum. MA 6462.



Transcription view: [Diplomatic](#) or [Regularized](#)

Note: Current letter is in response to letter of [Richelieu to Balzac](#), 14 September 1622.

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“Note” below caption provides link to preceding letter, taken from <correspContext>.*