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Duc de Saint-Simon

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

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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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