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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

One of the problems in writing about the early seventeenth century is the orthography. Not only is the spelling different from modern usage, but it was a matter in which much freedom was exercised. In all quotations, whether in French or English, the original spelling with all its eccentricities has been maintained, except that accents have been added. In translations from the French, modern English has been used since it would be meaningless to try to reproduce seventeenth-century English. Names and terms are spelled according to the usage of present-day historians. In the footnotes and bibliography the original spelling is used, but accents have been added and where applicable v's have been changed to u's and i's to j's. This was done in accord with standard French practice.

In the absence of any accepted short-title list for French works, the long titles of some books and pamphlets have been shortened in such a way that meaning would not be lost, yet the footnotes and bibliography would not be overburdened. In all cases where there was a shortening this is noted with ellipses.



ABBREVIATIONS

A.A.E. – Archives des Affaires Etrangères

A.C. – Archives Communales

A.D. – Archives Départementales

A.Mun. - Archives Municipales

A.N. - Archives Nationales

A.S.F. - Archivo di Stato, Florence

Arch. Med. - Archivio Medicei

Carte Strozz. - Carte Strozziano

A.S.V. - Archivio Segreto Vaticano

Fond. Borgh. - Fondo Borghese

Nunz. fr. - Nunziatura di Francia

B.M. - British Museum

Stowe MS - Stowe Manuscript

B.Mun. - Bibliothèque Municipale

B.N. - Bibliothèque Nationale

Cinq Cents - Cinq Cents de Colbert

Clairambault - Collection Clairambault

Dupuy - Collection Dupuy

Moreau - Collection Moreau

MS fr. - Manuscrit français

MS fr. n.a. - Manuscrit français nouvelle acquisition

MS ital. - Manuscrit italien

Bibl. Ars. – Bibliothèque de l'Arsenal

Cal. St. P. - Calendar of State Papers, Domestic Series of the Reign of James I, Mary Green, ed., Vols. VIII-IX, London, 1858.

LMHIV – Lettres Missives de Henri IV, Berger de Xivery, ed., 9 vols., Paris, 1843–1876.

Reg. délib. Paris – Registre des délibérations du Bureau de la ville de Paris, Paul Guérin and Jean le Grand, eds., Vols. xiv-xvi, Paris, 1921-1927.