

Cardinal Richelieu

Quotes

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If you give me six lines written by the hand of the most honest of men, I will find something in them which will hang him.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Friendship is the medicine for all misfortune; but ingratitude dries up the fountain of all goodness.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Reason must be the universal rule and guide; all things must be done according to reason without allowing oneself to be swayed by emotion.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Had Luther and Calvin been confined before they had begun to dogmatize, the states would have been spared many troubles.

~Cardinal Richelieu

First, all means to conciliate; failing that, all means to crush.

~Cardinal Richelieu

A single word has sometimes lost or won an empire.

~Cardinal Richelieu

If God forbade drinking, would He have made wine so good?

~Cardinal Richelieu

Nothing so upholds the laws as the punishment of persons whose rank is as great as their crime.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Give me six lines written by the most honorable person alive, and I shall find enough in them to condemn them to the gallows.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Deception is the knowledge of kings.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Never write a letter and never destroy one.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Nothing is as dangerous for the state as those who would govern kingdoms with maxims found in books.

~Cardinal Richelieu

To know how to dissemble is the knowledge of kings. [Fr., Savoir dissimuler est le savoir des rois.]

~Cardinal Richelieu

To mislead a rival, deception is permissible; one may use all means against his enemies.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Who will be my equal?

~Cardinal Richelieu

I have the consolation of leaving your kingdom in the highest degree of glory and of reputation.

~Cardinal Richelieu

I have never had any [enemies] other than those of the state.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Not the least of the qualities that go into the making of a great ruler is the ability of letting others serve him.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Bakers of bread rolls and pastry cooks will not buy grain before eleven o'clock in winter and noon in summer.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Wise judges are we of each other!

~Cardinal Richelieu

Secrecy is the first essential in affairs of state.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Carry on any enterprise as if all future success depended on it.

~Cardinal Richelieu

Did you think I was immortal?

~Cardinal Richelieu

To know how to disguise is the knowledge of kings.

~Cardinal Richelieu

We may employ artifice to deceive a rival, anything against our enemies.

~Cardinal Richelieu

War is one of the scourges with which it has pleased God to afflict men.

~Cardinal Richelieu

I do not sleep to let others sleep in the shade of my waking.

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