

Richelieu Diamond

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Richelieu Diamond. A 19-carat heart-shaped diamond willed to the French Crown by Cardinal Richelieu, Chief Minister under Louis XIII and mentor of Cardinal Mazarin. It was reported to be "of very fine water" and Twining stated that Queen Marie Leczinka, wife of Louis XV, probably wore a pair of earrings set with the Richelieu and three of the Mazarin diamonds, number 4, 5 and 6. Since the great diamond robbery of 1792, the history of the Richelieu has been lost and its present where-abouts is unknown.