

1. The Edict of Nantes of 13.4.1598 (French)

Edicts written on vellum or paper determined the fate of the Huguenots.

The Edict of Nantes granted the Reformed Protestants of France for the first time a legal status which guaranteed a relatively safe social life. It was promulgated by King Henry IV of France and Navarra (1553-1610) in 1598 in Nantes. The King who had converted to Catholicism for political reasons in 1594 was intent on ending the religious wars and restoring peace to France. The edict was a compromise intended to appease the Ultra-Catholics and the Protestant minority.

The edict consisted of 95 articles allowing the Huguenots the exercise of Calvinist worship wherever it had been established in 1597 and in the houses of the great nobles. An amnesty for past offences was declared. Protestants were eligible for all public offices. A separate "brevet" allowed the Huguenots to maintain as "places de de sûreté" all the fortified places they held. Protestant services, however, were not allowed in Catholic locations, at court or in the capital.

Secret articles drawn up on 30.4.1598 dealt with particular towns held by the Huguenots.

Literature: Catalogue of the German Huguenot Museum, p. 23

Acte de Vente
en Faveur
De Louis de
la Rochelle
notaire de France
le 10 Mars
1676

encre par la grace de Dieu Roy de France et de Navarre
A tout pns et advenir. Salut. Enhe les quans Testamens quil a pleu a Dieu...

Celle de luy des plus Insignes et remarquables de nous avoir soustenu la bonte et la bonte
de ne avoir aux effroyables troubles, confusion et desordres qui se sont veus a nos...
gontes... qui eston digne de luy de parh et de l'adieu... que le plus...
la moult... et de nous...
l'ayon...
digne...
son...
a luy...
digne...
a la dignite...
y avons...
de si...
l'ayon...
peu...
les...
differe...
de l'estat...
la cause...
par la...
d'avec...
une...
establi...
tous...
mesme...
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Het Edict van Nantes, werd door *Mexmes de Vieux* Bevestight, Den 25 Februari 1700, binnen *Paris*.
 Dit Edict van Nantes, is te sien in de Authentique stukken, van het eerste Deel Pl. 35.