

Planted amongst the *Gaules* by *Martialis*, but amongst the *French*, or the latter settled People of the Kingdom, by *Remigius*, much latter: as for the Arms Royal, now boren by the Kings, they are Three Flower de Luces *Azure*, in a Field *Or*, bearing a Device taken by *Charles* the Sixth.

This Kingdom is composed of Estates, and Orders threefold, viz. the Clergy, the Nobility, and the Commons; and here are usually found 16 Arch-Bishops, and 106 Bishops, not accounting those of *Aras*, *Tournay*, and *Perpignan*; 16 Abbots Heads of Orders and Congregations, and about 30000 Curate-ships: and not accounting other Governments there are 12 Peers chiefly appointed, or ancient Peer-ships, besides others of new Creation, and the Order is that of the *Holy Ghost*. There are likewise 11 Parliaments, 8 Chambers of Accounts, 22 Publick Places of Receipt, or Generalities of the Kings Revenues.

The Rivers of this Kingdom are principally Four, viz. the *Rhone*, or *Rosne*, the *Loire*, the *Garonne*, and the *Seine*; who receive into them many other Rivers, and wash the Walls of the chief Cities and Towns, &c. the first arising about 3 Miles from the head of the River *Rhine*, the second about the Mountains of *Auvergne*, the third from the *Pyrenean Hills*, and the Fourth has its Spring in *Burgundy*.

The Mountains of most note are those of *Auvergne*, part of the *Alps*, and the *Pyrenees*, on the latter of which Nature strangely expresses her self, for that part of those Mountains toward rich and wealthy *France*, are altogether barren, but that towards *Spain* exceeding Fruitful, as if it had divested it self to cloath the one, and robbed the other.

In the Year 1614 *Louis* the 13 convened the Estates of the Provinces under 12 Heads, or great Governments, four of which lying towards the North,