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IL COSTITUIRSI E DIFFONDERSI DELLA S.J. E SUOI ECHI (1540 - 1773)
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Christopher Coudrette

A French Jesuit, who died at Paris Aug. 4, 1774, at an advanced age, connected himself with the Jansenists, and particularly with the learned abbé Boursier.

His sentiments on the bull *Unigenitus* occasioned his being imprisoned for some weeks at Vincennes in 1755, and for more than a year in the Bastille in 1758-9. He wrote some works in defence of his opinions, and some political tracts; but his most celebrated publication was his *History of the Jesuits*, 1761, 4 vols, 12mo, to which he added 2 vols. of a supplement in 1764.

This work cost him so much literary research, as to have injured his sight; but it is more remarkable, that, notwithstanding he owed his advancement to the Jesuits, and was the friend of many members of that society, he was a decided enemy to the society itself; and when their dissolution was concerted, in 1762, this work is said to have furnished many arguments in favour of the measure. His character was that of a laborious, active, useful, and disinterested ecclesiastic.

Cfr.: A. Chalmers, *The General Biographical Dictionary*, 1812 – 1817, v. 10, p. 346 :
<http://words.fromoldbooks.org/Chalmers-Biography/c/coudrette-christopher.html>