

severity and enmity for the staunch friends of the republic ;

"Considering that tardy and uncontrolled requisitions have favored the operations of speculators ; that after four months the armament remains insufficient, the equipment incomplete, and the military organization vicious ;

"Considering that, after the failure of military expeditions, chiefs are promoted instead of being submitted to inquest ;

"Considering that these chiefs remain in almost absolute inaction, when 500,000 troops of the line, the Mobile and the National Guard, are clamorous to be led to battle ;

"Considering that such inertia is criminal, in view of the daily diminution in the stock of provisions ;

"Considering that the resolution, 'never to capitulate' is an absurd bravado, unless combined with the measures capable of making it good :

"For all these reasons, the members of the Government of the pretended National Defense are culpable toward France and toward the Republic, and their culpability increases every hour in proportion to the singular tenacity with which they cling to their places."