

upon the more open one of Marscillois, in which so many persons were and still are comprised, and upon the troubles excited by seditious priests at Bourdeaux. I can scarcely describe to you how much this last measure increased the public indignation, against the weak and obstinate Monarch; but no lesson would reform him.

A circumstance which happened at this time, is so striking a proof of the progress of reason among the French, and of their detestation of the court, that I cannot avoid mentioning it. The Assembly apprehending some treacherous design from the side of the garden of the Thuilleries, had decreed conformably to the constitution, that the terrace of the Feuillans adjoining to the hall, came under it's jurisdiction. Accordingly this part of the garden was immediately opened to the public, who, proud of their new acquisition, flocked thither in great numbers. On the first day numerous bodies of national guards were stationed at the different descents leading to the other parts of the garden, to prevent the public from entering his Majesty's territory. The people who were provoked at seeing such precautions taken, treated them with insult and ridicule, and the guards feeling the unworthiness of the service on which they were posted, left it the next day, having first drawn a ribband across the passages, with these words, "Citizens respect yourselves, and give to this feeble barrier the force of bayonets." Strange to say, all the citizens that entered, approached, read, and retired from the hostile territory with contempt. Not one would degrade himself by entering the garden of the despicable monarch, and these simple ribbands repelled the indigent populace of Paris for upwards of a fortnight. Oh Louis! if thy detestable counsellors had but left thee a moment's reflection, thou mightest here have read thy fate inscribed in strong and glaring characters.

But to return from this digression. La Fayette ever since his letter read at the Assembly 18th June, and his subsequent appearance at the bar of the Assembly, back'd by the petitions of his army, had divided the public hatred with his *beloved* King. The clamour against this always suspicious personage, became now from day to day more violent and incessant. Scarcely a sitting of the Assembly passed, without several petitions being read, requesting a decree of accu-