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“ Republic had submitted too much : that they
 “ should have granted an amnesty to the rebels, and
 “ not have treated with them : that subjects who
 “ have thrown off the yoke, in returning to their
 “ duty, should obtain nothing but pardon. He
 “ added, that the Corsicans should either be punished
 “ as guilty of treason, or else abandoned as rebels ;
 “ for subjects who are sufficiently powerful to ob-
 “ lige the sovereign to treat with them, are not
 “ faithful enough to submit long to obedience.”

These reflections appeared to be the more justly
 founded, as all these negotiations soon became use-
 less, and a war was presently after kindled.

Be this as it may, the Genoese were for the pre-
 sent left here, the attention of every one being taken
 up with news from Asia, which greatly flattered
 the king's expectations. We were informed from
 India, that the Nabob had confidence enough in
 France, to place his political interest in the hands of
 a Frenchman, named Dup'eix ; and that the nation
 of the Marats, who were subject to the Nabob, had
 appointed him their commander in chief.

It is said that Lewis XIV. who was animated with
 every kind of glory, was sensibly struck with the in-
 formation given him by an ambassador from the king
 of Siam, who was delegated to acquaint him that
 his name was held in great veneration in those states.
 He testified more public joy, and was more flattered
 with this honour, than if he had obtained an impor-
 tant conquest.

The peace concluded with the Nabob, and the
 confidence which this prince reposed in France, were
 objects of far greater consequence. They increased
 the riches of the state, whereas the embassy from
 Siam had no other effect than flattering the monarch's
 vanity.

Dupleix became at once plenipotentiary and gene-
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