

creed, and he has presented the table of the expence they will require. I should add to you, that to fulfil gradually the views of the Assembly, His Majesty has determined to begin by equipping sixteen ships, which, added to those already armed, will increase the number to thirty. His Majesty has given orders at the same time, that the necessary measures be taken to enable him to complete the number of forty-five ships voted by the Assembly, with all the dispatch which any possible turn of affairs may require.

“ This disposition, subject to events, will not make any change in the table of expence presented by M. de la Luzerne for the current year. His Majesty will take care only to give orders for the issuing of the sums voted by the Assembly for the marine department, in proportion as the armaments shall require.

“ The King believes, by these dispositions of wisdom, prudence, and, at the same time, of œconomy, that he has entered fully into the views of the Assembly, and thus reconciled their pacific intentions with the precautions that circumstances render necessary.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) MONTMORIN.”

The Marine Minister laid before the Assembly the estimates of the additional sums required for the marine service on account of this resolution. The estimates were submitted to the Committee of
Finances