

cause of the French people, he will make use of all the force put into his hands against the enemies of France, whatever pretexts may be employed to countenance the armed assemblies of the emigrants, or to support them in their hostile proceedings.

(Signed) LOUIS.
(And under-signed) CHAMBONNAS."

The Minister also communicated an extract of his foreign correspondence, the sum of which was, that 38,000 Prussians are on their march to the Rhine, and that France would soon have to contend against 150,000 men.

July 14th. The Federation was celebrated at Paris, with the greatest order and harmony.

French and Austrian War.

Mons, June 11. We this morning attacked the corps commanded by M. Gouvion, which M. de la Fayette had posted before Maubeuge. We have dislodged him from his camp, and driven the corps as far as Maubeuge. M. Gouvion the camp marshal was killed at the entrance of Grifnelle.

Hague, June 22d. Our last letters from Brussels mention that Menin, Ypres, Courtray, and Deinse have been taken by the French.

Extract of a Letter from M. Luckner to the Minister at war, dated Menin 29th June, 1792.

My head quarters is now at Menin ; my advanced Guard is at Courtray, all the Country between Lamoy, Bruges and Brussels, is occupied by my army, and without any troops of the enemy ; yet I do not find that the Belgians make any effectual movement ; I see not even the smallest hopes of the rising which was announced ; and even if I were to take possession of Gand and Brussels, I have almost a certainty that the people would not be more forward to join us.—at present I have not more than 5 or 6 hundred Belgians.—Since I found that they do not declare for us I have reflected on the matter day and night, and I can find only one way to prevent a very great evil to France, and that is to retire with my army towards Valenciennes. The necessity becomes every day more pressing ; I have even thought it necessary not to wait your answer concerning the position of my army ; and in consequence, I shall give orders to move, tomorrow the 30th, for Lille : the first day to Chilly, the second to Saint Amand, and the third to Valenciennes.

I send, the same hour, a courier to M. La Fayette's army to inform him of this movement.

Brussels July 6. Early in the morning of the 30th. ultimo, the French Troops stationed at Courtray retreated from thence to Menin, where M. Luckner had fixed his head quarters, and the whole French Army after that junction, fell back to Lille.

The Duke of Brunswick arrived at Coblenz the 3d instant, and the first column of the Prussian Army reached that place the same day.

July 2d. A letter from the French Princes was read in the annual Swiss Diet at Frauenfeld, of which the following are the most material passages.

" GENTLEMEN,