

Europe—their progressive increase, and the safety of the French colonies, and commerce, decree, That the King shall be prayed to give orders, that the French marine force in commission shall be increased to forty-five ships of the line, with a proportionate number of frigates, and other vessels.”

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On the 1st of September M. Montmorin addressed the following Letter to the President of the National Assembly :

“ MR. PRESIDENT,

“ The King, in commanding me to make known to the National Assembly, that he had sanctioned the Decree of the 26th ult. concerning the confirmation of our defensive and commercial engagements with Spain, directed me at the same time to inform them that he had charged me to employ the necessary means to fulfil the views of the Assembly, relative to the explanations of which the Treaty that has bound us to Spain since 1761, is susceptible.

“ I have sent to His Majesty’s Ambassador at the Court of London the requisite instructions, that in apprizing the English Minister of our armaments, he might renew, at the same time, the most positive assurances of our pacific intentions.

“ The Marine Minister has already informed the Assembly of the orders he has received from His Majesty, in regard to the armaments they have de-  
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