

has not been made more than six weeks *, we know already that it has been extended (and particularly at Lyons) to a number of families who were by no means of the Federalist party. How indeed can it be possible to revive the commerce of France, without recalling the merchants? And to what purpose will the merchants and manufacturers be recalled without restoring to them the means of carrying on their employment?

Let it not be imagined that the Convention was taken by surprise, when they passed this important decree, and that, upon finding the total depreciation of the assignats attributed to it, that Assembly will be tempted to revoke it. They were perfectly well apprised beforehand of this, which had been predicted with much force, by Le Cointre, so long ago as the 10th of last December. *I now ask you, (said he to his colleagues,) what will become of public credit, if you take but one step backward respecting property judicially*

treffing a scene must move it to reply with one voice, in the animated language of Boissy d'Anglas, on the 20th of March:

We all know that the confiscations founded on the monstrous sentences passed by our late tyrants, are ROBBERIES; and that those ROBBERIES have plunged a hundred thousand innocent families in misery. The ghost of the murdered bo-ver about this hall; they call on you to restore to their widows, their brothers, and their children, the property which they once possessed. Some have the assurance to say that this property is necessary for the people! People of France! rouse at once with indignation; reject with horror these bloody spoils; reject this shameful tribute: it is unworthy of you; it should make you shudder; it will make you accomplices of the monsters you are pursuing, of the robbers you have condemned! Let me ask, is not this just as much as to say to the people of France, Reject with horror the assignats? In fact, they should long since have been held in horror. It is not, however, sentiment, but self-interest, which will cause their rejection. The assignats have given birth to the war, and the war will be their destruction.

* Besides these restitutions, the Convention has already (on the 9th of November) passed a decree for taking off the sequestration from the property belonging to subjects of the Powers at war with France, and which has been valued at 25 millions of livres in specie. There were many persons who considered this property too as pledged for the assignats!