

apprehension of dangers ; and nothing can be of more importance, than to convince our Colonies that they will be protected. Behold the consequences of this dangerous confidence, in the case of a neighbouring people, who overlooked and disregarded their enemies. Why is it necessary that nations, in order to preserve peace, should ruin themselves in preparations of defence ? Let this dreadful policy be reprobated by every country !

It is for the purpose of embracing the various objects announced in their Report, that your Committee proposes a Decree, as the most proper to fulfil your engagements without imprudence, to change the ancient system without danger, and to avoid a war without exhibiting any symptoms of weakness.

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The Decree proposed by M. Mirabeau, underwent considerable discussion and change. It was finally decreed on Thursday the 26th of August, and is as follows ;

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