

Antonitte, said he, repaired to that banquet; she applauded the conduct of the Guards; she also visited the regiment of Nassau and the Chasseurs of Trois Eveches, who were quartered in the Orangerie of the Gardens of Versailles."—Queen.—"I repaired, I must own, with my husband and his children to the Hall of the Opera House; but I did not see that the national cockade was trode under foot. It is false that I ever spoke to the soldiers of the Regiment of Nassau, or to the Chasseurs of Trois Eveches."

President.—"What did you say to the Life Guards, when you appeared at that Orgie?"—Queen.—"I applauded that banquet, because it was to have produced the union of the Life Guards and the National Guards."

Public Accuser.—"Have you not held secret councils at the house of the *ci-devant* Duchefs of Polignac, Councils at which the *ci-devant* Princes assisted, and in which, after having discussed the fate of the empire, you gave yourself up to the infamous pleasures of debauchery?"—Queen.—"All the state affairs were discussed in council, and no where else. I have no knowledge of the rest of this assertion."

Public Accuser.—"are not Thouret, Barentin, and De Espremeuil, the authors of the articles of the declaration of June 23d?" Queen.—"The ministers in place alone composed the council at that time."

Judge.—"Did not your husband communicate his designs to you, when he invested the Hall of the Representatives of the people with troops?"

Queen.—"my husband reposed his confidence in me; he communicated to me the speech which he was to have made on that occasion. He had, in other respects, no bad intentions."

Judge.—"Why did troops of the line invest Paris and Versailles?"

Queen.—"For the sake of general safety."

Judge.—"What use have you made of the immense sums which you have been entrusted with?" Queen.—"No enormous sum has been entrusted to me; the accounts of my household will prove what use has been made of all I have received."

Judge.—"How did the family of the Polignacs, who was so poor at first, grow so rich?" Queen.—"That family held offices at court which were very lucrative."

The Queen was then questioned respecting the flight to Varennes. She acknowledged that she opened the door and led the way from the Thuilleries, and that though they saw M. La Fayette as they crossed the square of the Caroufel, he knew nothing of their flight.

Herbert, substitute of the commons, then gave evidence with a view of substantiating the infamous charge of incest, and stated that it was founded upon the confession of the young Louis himself.

When the Tribunal put the question on this charge, The Queen indignantly replied as follows:

"I remain, Sir, silent on that subject, because nature holds all such crimes in abhorrence," and then turning with an animated air to the people she exclaimed, "I appeal to all mothers who are present in this auditory,—is such a crime possible?"

After the examination had closed, the Queen was soon condemned, as guilty of having been accessory to, and having co-operated in different manœuvres against the liberty of France; of having entertained a correspondence with the enemies of the Republic; of having participated in a plot
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