

Addressees were also received about this time from the frontier towns of the department of the North, complaining that the Court by ordering the retreat of the army, had left them defenceless and exposed to the daily cruelties and pillage of the Austrians, who had taken possession of Bavay, and might have penetrated farther into the Country, *if their own men had not begun to desert in such numbers, that they found it prudent to retire.*

You may conceive how much all these acts of treachery served to inflame the public mind, and rouse their indignation at seeing themselves so openly betrayed.

However, the King little profiting by the marks of public joy upon the restoration of Petion, or those of universal detestation which he and the Queen had experienced on the day of the Federation, still kept his garden of the Thuilleries shut up in sullen sulkeness. For the opening of this garden to the public, like the gates of the Temple of Janus, announced his hostile or peaceable intentions, his good or bad humour. It is probable, that had he at this time made any propitiatory sacrifice to the people, he might yet have regained their confidence; for numbers were still disposed to attribute his errors to his evil counsellors.

The Country was now declared to be in danger, and that danger was allowed on all hands to proceed more from the treason of the executive power, than from the progress of the external enemies.—Vergniaud, Condorcet, Brissot, and other members of the Assembly, had already begun to agitate, though but feebly, the question of the King's deposition; the people out of doors took it up more warmly; and the idea gained ground rapidly; but the fear of touching the constitution still kept them within bounds. The Federates, who had come from the provinces to Paris to assist at the 14th of July, were all strong republicans; and feeling the absolute necessity of some decisive alteration, appeared determined not to quit the Capital until a change in the government was effected: for such indeed were the general wishes of their fellow-citizens. They regularly attended the debates of the Assembly; and their presence gave a stimulus to the Parisians, nearly wearied out by the persevering opposition of the aristocratic party, supported by the *enormous influence of the civil list.*

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