

Q. Was it Dumourier who requested that your youngest son should serve in his army? or was it the Minister who sent him to the army in Italy?—A. It was my youngest son who requested it of the Minister, after having obtained the consent of Biron.

Q. Was it not part of your plan, that one of your two sons should acquire popularity in the army of the North, and the other in that of the South, in order to second the infamous projects of Dumourier for the destruction of Liberty?—A. No, Citizen, I declare once more that I had no knowledge whatever of the infamous projects of Dumourier. It was my son who desired to go to the army of the South; I only complied with his wishes in obtaining the consent of Biron.

Q. Who were the Members of the Convention you most commonly associated with?—A. I associated commonly with none; I was intimately connected with none. Those with whom I most communicated, in the Convention, were those who seated themselves on the side which is called the Mountain, our opinions being similar.

Q. Did you not make a journey lately into the Departments of L'Orne and Loiret, and particularly to Orleans? What was the motive of that journey?—A. I never was at the distance of ten leagues from Paris since the commencement of the Convention; I missed very few of the sittings never two together, never slept out of Paris but at an estate of my own, at the distance of three leagues, never more than one night, and that very seldom.

Q. You then sent some Emissaries into these Departments?—A. None.

Q. Give us some motive for the doubtful character you bear?—A. I did not think my character doubtful among Patriots.

Q. Have you ever acted according to the dictates of your own mind, or from the counsel of any other persons?—A. I have acted as my conscience and judgment have guided me.

Q. You have told us, that you had a decided aversion for the Throne. Why did you not clear yourself of the inculpations that have been made against you?—A. Relying on the purity of my conscience, on my intentions, and my conduct; persuaded that they would make me triumph over calumny, I ever despised them.

Q. Did you burn the letters you received of your sons when you received them?—A. Sometimes I did: but not always.

Q. What has been your conduct with respect to your son since you heard that he had betrayed the nation?—A. At the moment when I began to suspect his conduct, I was put under arrest. I ever hoped that he had been forced to act as he did, and I had no means of doing any thing.

Q. Did you not suffer your Agents to flatter you with the idea of Royalty or Dictatorship?—A. All those who know me know also my way of thinking, and that I should have esteemed it an insult.

Q. Why are you so ill with the persons of your family who call themselves Patriots?—A. I know no persons of my family who call themselves Patriots; with whom I am ill.

Q. Since you have been confined in the Fort de-la-Garde, have you not