

considered this retreat at a moment when the Belgians were ready to declare for them, (as appears from the declaration of their Countryman to the National Assembly), as an avowal on the part of the King, that they were not to push their Conquests to injure the Enemy; that those of the Belgians who had received them with open arms, were to be abandoned to the fury of the Austrians, and to be irritated against the French so as never more to be their friends. In fact, the savage Jarry who set fire to the Fauxbourgs, still maintains his rank in the army, and has had no punishment inflicted upon him. Such is the way, says the Patriot Isnard, in which the Court of the Thuilleries avenges the House of Austria, for the Insurrection of the unfortunate Belgians. The only excuse alledged by the ministers for ordering the retreat was, that the army was not sufficiently strong; but this very excuse furnished a fresh ground for the public indignation against Louis XVith. For why had he not chosen proper ministers to fulfil the Decrees of the Assembly, and to make up the Compliment of men long before voted by it? Why had his ministers deceived the public with regard to the state of the Army, if it was not with the treacherous design of rendering it more easy to the enemy to obtain an advantage over them?

Fifty-two Thousand Prussians were already upon the Frontiers, and no notification had been made by the King to the Assembly of their hostile intentions, as he was bound to do even by the *letter* of the Constitution; most probably he meant to have been silent respecting them, until it was too late to take the proper measures of defence, if a Decree had not obliged him to send official notice.

The King of Sardinia was known to be making great preparations for war; yet Louis XVith. so far from informing the Assembly of them, had ordered General Montisquiou, who commanded with very inferior forces on the frontiers of Savoy, to detach twenty Battalions to join the army of the Rhine, which was in no immediate danger; but Montisquiou, probably by the advice of the neighbouring departments, who considered this measure as intended to favour a projected attempt of the enemy upon Lyons, only complied in part with the orders he had received, by detaching ten Battalions, and completely justified his conduct at the Bar of the Assembly.

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