

grees* of war against the Emperor, and their invasion of the Austrian Netherlands, in April, 1792. This combined pressure of interior and exterior troubles has been aggravated by a suspension of commerce, a failure of manufactures, an interruption of agriculture, a great emigration, disbursements from the public treasure beyond any example among nations, large exportations of specie, and a dearth of the necessaries of life. To these evils we may add the excesses of individuals and of factions struggling for the ascendancy, and a train of miseries resulting from anarchy, commotions, civil war, pillage, and massacres, with and without the colour of law.

* Premier Decret. “ *Le roi de Hongrie & de Bohême a attenté à la souveraineté nationale, en déclarant vouloir soutenir la cause des princes possesseurs en Alsace, qui ont constamment refusé les indemnités qui leur ont été offertes,*” &c.

Second Decret. “ *L'Assemblée Nationale fidèle au serment qu'elle a fait de n'entreprendre aucune guerre dans l'esprit de conquête, ne prend les armes que pour le maintien de sa liberté,*” &c.

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