

Research notes on European Proclamations and Broad­sides (EPAB), Boxes 30-37 (1 August 1794-30 October 1795)

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Abbreviations: if you aren't sure about an abbreviation, a search via CTRL+F will take you to the first occurrence, where the full version is given.

EPAB Box 30 (1 August-31 August 1794)

The first broadside in this collection (1 Aug) is a local reprint of a Committee of Public Safety (CPS) order.

This offers evidence on the DISSEMINATION issue. In this example, a brief order from CPS seeking to improve army transport is followed by an elaborate explanation/exhortation on the same subject by reps du p Soubrany and Milhaud on mission with the Army of the Eastern Pyrenees. A final notice from district Toulouse authority indicates the three elements were incorporated into print at this level, so that they could then be disseminated around the same district.

Tribunal de police correctionnelle, Triconville (4 Aug). Ruling on case of harvesting on the *décade* (the rest day on the tenth day of the *décadi*), rather than celebrating the festival of Barra and Viala. The accused, a member of local surveillance committee, is

sentenced to 6 days' detention and a fine to cover cost of 12 copies of this document that are then to be posted around the canton.

Rep du p Mignet in Bouches-du-Rhône etc (5 Aug). Introducing new measures to combat perceived threat from 'une foule de ci-devant prêtres et d'ex-religieuses' – and also nobles. A reporting system within each commune, to be completed by the above or their families.

Coffinhal judgement, 18 thermidor, at the Criminal Tribunal (Paris department (dept)) (5 Aug). He is tried here as an outlaw after authorization by the National Convention on the same day. Death sentence.

Reaction to 9 Thermidor in Lyon, 22 thermidor (9 Aug) **(LUNA R207349)** . This seems to be the first broadside which mentions the overthrow of Robespierre -including changes in personnel at municipal level, coordinated by visiting Representatives on Mission Dupuis and Reverchon.

Reps du p in Toulouse (Chaudron-Rousseau and Dartigoeyte) in a very long address (17 Aug) **(LUNA R207350)**. 29 thermidor. This looks like the start of anti-Terrorist backlash.

-Introducing measures targeting the local popular society and surveillance committee, and in particular to stop interference with the governing committee of the town. Leading members arrested: Tarbés, Delpont, Meilhon, Lapujade.

-New explanation of popular sovereignty: 'Oui, le peuple est souverain & le seul souverain; mais ce principe aussi véritable que sacré, reçoit une application exécutable par Tarbés; car une fraction du peuple n'est pas le peuple. Le souverain de la France n'est pas renfermé dans les murs de Toulouse; il est répandu sur toute la surface de la République, & lorsqu'il n'exerce pas sa souveraineté dans les assemblées primaires, l'exercice n'en appartient qu'à ses seuls Représentans, formant la Convention nationale.'

32 page list of émigrés and deported or imprisoned/house arrested priests, for the dept of Haute-Garonne. Includes observations about state of their property (18 Aug)

Anti-Terror measures in Lyon, by reps du p Reverchon and Laporte, 'envoyés à Commune-Affranchie pour y faire cesser l'oppression, et pour y rétablir le bon ordre et le règne des Lois (23 Aug) **(LUNA R207351)**

-dated 6 fructidor II. Denunciation of the Terror in Lyon and Robespierriest conspiracy in general. Reforms to local government in Lyon announced in response to this.

Rep du p Perrin, in Nîmes (28 Aug) **(LUNA R207352)**

-measures 11 fructidor to try and stop anti-Terror backlash from those released from prison under 21 messidor law. Particular concern is to protect administrative officials who were "only following orders". Perrin orders those who have been detained during the Terror not to seek vengeance against authorities who might be deemed responsible.

EPAB Box 31 (1 September-31 October 1794)

Société populaire régénérée de Commune-Affranchie, records for 17 fructidor (3 Sep).

A patriotic group celebration on the visit of reps du p Reverchon, Laporte, Charlier and Pocholle, whose mission to Lyon is winding up.

-plenty of triumphalist talk about the end of the Terror and the start of a new chapter of revolutionary prosperity in Lyon

-indications of tensions emerging around the issue of repercussions/vengeance for Terrorist-era activity. Charlier: 'On a voulu vous faire un monstre du Gouvernement révolutionnaire; la terreur a régné dans vos murs. Rassurez-vous, bons Citoyens, la terreur n'est que pour les méchants'.

-more relaxed Thermidorian attitudes to big business evident in Pocholle speech: 'On a trop calomnié le commerce'.

Sale of belongings in Paris after death of citizen T Hollandais (7 Sep)

Rep du p Mallarmé (Gers and Haute-Garonne). Proclamation and order signed 25 fructidor (11 Sep)

Thermidorian reaction politics: 'La Convention nationale m'a envoyé vers vous pour donner au gouvernement révolutionnaire la vigueur & l'énergie dont il a besoin, examiner les causes des détentions, & rendre à la liberté les citoyens qui auroient été victimes de l'erreur ou de l'intrigue.'

-fact-finding at this stage. Wants information on all current members of local administration, all detainees, and invites popular societies to make observations 'pour le maintien de la tranquillité publique, l'activité du gouvernement révolutionnaire & le bonheur commun.'

Reps du p J.J. Serres and Auguis (on mission to Bouches-du-Rhône, Var and Ardèche). Speech to the popular society in Marseille (27 fructidor/13 Sep)

This is another e.g. of early Thermidorian Reaction rhetoric.

Toulouse print of Convention order re citizen's protection for libraries and all other national monuments to Sciences and the Arts. Originally 14 fructidor, but reprinted on the 29th (15 Sep)

Reps du p Serres and Auguis in Marseille, 29 fructidor (15 Sep). Trying to combat rumours that they are oppressing patriots, but showing up the delicate balancing act they are trying to sustain. On the one hand, they are supposed to be offering justice to victims of the Terror; on the other, they are creating new victims in their mission against counter-revolution 'de faire une guerre à mort aux Aristocrates, aux Intrigans, aux Frippons, aux Dilapidateurs, de la fortune publique, et aux Méchants qu'ils pourront découvrir, quelque masque qu'ils empruntent.' The last phrase is particularly threatening, and could easily be seen by contemporaries as linking directly to the rhetoric of the Terror itself.

Reps du p Charlier and Pocholle, trying to police situation in Lyon/Commune-Affranchie (17 Sep). Trying to regulate outsiders' entry and exit from the town (possibly in response to violence?). A system of *passeports* is set up. (2 copies in this box)

Example of revolutionary authorities' lines of inter-communication. Convention sends acknowledgement to Strasbourg that has received their letter explaining patriotic gift. This acknowledgement is then printed by the Strasbourg authorities, with the explicit aim of publicising the Convention's approval of Strasbourg's behaviour amongst the local citizenry (20 Sep)

Western Army, Military Criminal Tribunal, 2nd arrondissement. Judgement condemning Joseph Forêts to two years forced labour (23 Sep). Forêts convicted of impersonating a military judge and attacking civilians, having previously served with Vendée rebels and infiltrated a local surveillance committee. A very long and indignant indictment.

Letter from General Chabert to reps du p at Commune-Affranchie/Lyon, reporting the retaking of the fortress of Bellegarde by Republican forces. Followed by said reps du p's (Charlier and Pocholle) proclamation to inhabitants of Rhone and Loire departments (depts) in light of this victory: 'De toutes parts les cris de la victoire se font entendre dans nos Armées, et les satellites des Despotes ne savent plus où cacher leur désespoir et leur honte.' (24 Sep)

Commune Orléans, general council (28 Sep)

-following complaints about 'foreigners' staying in the town, the procurator reminds the council of the continuation of 1791-3 legislation vs. foreigners (i.e. non-locals as well as non-French)

-striking in its doom-laden rhetoric. Consider articles VII and VIII of its provisions, which threaten 'vagabonds' and 'gens sans aveu' with arrest – and also label those helping them with accommodation etc as 'ennemis du bien public, & traités comme tels.'

-citizens also encouraged to denounce such harbouring of outsiders

Municipal police ruling, Commune-Affranchie/Lyon (2 Oct). Citizen Bonnard, a baker, found guilty of failing to declare flour in his possession. He was condemned to payment of costs of printing 100 copies of this judgement and the posting up of these copies in the local area.

Criminal Tribunal, Brussels. Judgement (bilingual). Death sentence for André-Joseph Jacqmin for dealing in false assignats (13 vendémiaire/4 Oct)

Account of the swearing in of a new municipal council for Aix, after reps du p Serres and Auguis disbanded the old one (24 vendémiaire/15 Oct)

-column divider illustrated with multiple *bonnets rouges*

-in later posters we see that they also replace district authorities and the tribunal

-and the popular society dissolved and reopened with new leadership (24 vendémiaire/15 Oct)

-also posters announcing that replacing Aix revolutionary committee and Justices of the Peace

La Convention nationale au Peuple français. Address of 18 vendémiaire, reprinted in Lyon on 24th (15 Oct)

This is an exhortation for calm, obedience, and respect for others. The Convention warns of enemies sowing strife, tension and violence.

Promises a new kind of justice: 'tous les actes du gouvernement porteront le caractère de la justice; mais cette justice ne sera plus présentée à la France, sortant des cachots, toute couverte de sang, comme l'avoient figurée de vils et hypocrites conspirateurs.'

Promises an end to revolution(ary turmoil): 'Ne perdez jamais de vue que si le mouvement rapide et violent est nécessaire pour faire une révolution, c'est au calme et à la prudence de la terminer.'

-There is another copy of the above Convention address in this box, this time printed in Toulouse (25 vendémiaire/16 Oct)

EPAB Box 32 (1 November-31 December 1794)

(This box includes ?1794 items – i.e. items that were dated by collector/archivist as probably being from unspecified point in 1794)

Toulouse district directory, re national measures to do with debtors and creditors of people who have had their property confiscated by the state (2 Nov)

-and similar but specifically for creditors of émigrés (12 Dec). Mont-Brison district trying to sort this out too (23 Dec)

Toulouse district directory, list of CPS decrees being sent to local authorities in the area *and which span pre- and post-thermidor* (2 Nov)

-another one, same format (28 Nov)

Toulouse district authorities, publishing and commenting on directives from the Commission for Commerce and Provisioning in Paris (4 Nov)

-linking the apparently mundane world of disposal of grape and vine leftovers to the war between liberty and tyranny (because ashes are high in potash and therefore of use in saltpetre production).

-Extract from Commission introductory address: 'Nous attendons de votre amour pour la liberté que vous vous hâterez de réimprimer & de publier dans toutes les municipalités de votre arrondissement, ces procédés simples & utiles, & de bien mériter de vos concitoyens, en leur offrant les moyens de multiplier nos armes contre la tyrannie.'

Reps du p Ritter and Turreau, with Army of the Alps and Italy. Reacting to endemic desertion by those who had been temporarily sent home to recover from illness or injury, but have since recovered their health (6 Nov)

Lyon municipal council, measures re false *passports* (17 Nov)

-cancellation of all *passports* from a certain period (those bearing the words 'Commune-Affranchie')

-also maintain that this is an effort to help citizenry forget the troubles associated with that name

Toulouse district general council, re wood crisis (7 Nov)

Rep du p Pocholle, at Montbrison, re suspected plot behind mass gathering at an unknown location (7 Nov) **(LUNA R207353)**

-Authorities are concerned that people might be planning to leave the district in order to travel to an unknown location in order to join up with a broader counter-revolutionary movement

-'Instruit...[q]ue plusieurs individus de diverses Communes, et des familles entières ont abandonné subitement leurs foyers, pour se porter vers un point de ralliement qu'on ignore.'

-Pocholle's orders in response to this to be published and sent across the dept and neighbouring depts.

Agence des mines de la République, offering free lessons in mining and geology to tap France's potential (8 Nov)

Reps du p Charlier and Pocholle, trying to disarm Lyon factions of various types (12 Nov). This is an announcement of measures taken the previous night to disarm 'une partie' of former public officials

- the same, regulating use of charcoal with winter arriving (22 Nov)

Military commission, Liborne. Judgement vs. Bernard Costes, condemning him to twenty years in chains (12 Nov)

Aix commune, introducing ration cards for bread (15 Nov) **(LUNA R207354)**

-and extensive instructions on how will now work (22 Nov)

Reps du p with French army in Brussels, vs. use of coins instead of assignats (16 Nov)

-an address to the Belgian population, assuming that they support moves to integrate with France. In light of this, the reps du p explain that they expect appropriate behaviour on issues like the assignat. After all, according to them: 'Le courage du Français, le fer & les assignats ont fait la révolution & fondé la République'. 'Vous voulez être Français, eh! Mais ignorez-vous qu'en France, dans nos campagnes, dans nos cités, l'argent n'est reçu qu'avec repugnance dans les relations habituelles du commerce...' – whereas Belgians appear to be less willing to accept the paper money.

Lyon district general council, trying to act vs. hoarders and speculators (24 Nov)

-features an interesting denunciation of current merchant class and their economic habits, and the way this has allegedly contaminated the wider citizenry. The richest capitalists, hoarders and merchants 'ont inoculé, pour ainsi dire, le goût d'agiotage & d'accaparement dans toutes les classes des citoyens: tout est devenu marchand: de là cette confusion & ce mélange bizarre de marchandises qu'on voit aujourd'hui dans les boutiques et les magasins.' All about self-enrichment, not about supplying the market.

Reps du p Charlier and Pocholle, in Lyon, measures to liquidate assets of anyone who has been condemned to death (27 Nov)

Paris Dept, *Bureau du domaine national*. Sale of church linen not suitable for use by hospitals (2 Dec)

Toulouse district administrators, publicising a decree from CPS of 5 thermidor re army deserters and lack of work by municipalities to find or punish them (2 Dec)

-interesting to note that pre-Terror directives by the CPS are still seen to require enactment

-Robespierre's name is among the signatures reprinted from the CPS order

Rep du p Ruelle, with Armies of Brest and Cherbourg, organising a purge of the local authorities (11 Dec)

-interesting header image and tagline ('Paix aux bons. Guerre aux méchants'). 'Justice à tous' has also been added to the phrase 'Liberté, égalité, fraternité' to describe the maxims of the Republican authorities.

-followed by list of new local authorities in different locations

-A large sheet, split into three broadsheet-size pieces

Reps du p Cadroy and Expert (i.e. Espert), in Bouches-du-Rhône and Var. Appealing for people not to follow instinct for revenge in reaction to the Terror (14 Dec) **(LUNA R207355)**

-'Vous ne les perdrez pas, braves Citoyens, les fruits de cette belle victoire, et vous ne céderez pas cette rare conquête que les pervers voudraient peut-être encore vous arracher. Tourmentez vos âmes de l'amour de la patrie; abjurez toute vengeance particulière; dépouillez les preventions; marchez ferme sous les bannières de la loi...'

-Cadroy and Expert/Espert again, with more concrete measures re returning émigrés (14 Dec)

-and further measures, especially vs. 'Tous cris de ralliement qui tendraient à diviser les Citoyens' (22 Dec)

Rep du p Genevois, reorganising and setting up purging (i.e. 'épuration') process for Nancy popular society (15 Dec)

-'Citoyens, épurer n'est point anéantir; organiser n'est point renverser.'

Reps du p Mallarmé and Bouillerot, purging of Toulouse popular society (21 Dec)

Aix commune, fining locals for failure to turn up for National Guard (NG) duty (23 Dec) **(LUNA R208361)**

-same again (24 Dec)

Toulouse district general council, reorganising its system for giving out *certificats de civisme* (25 Dec)

Reps du p Brue, Guezno and Guermeur (Armies of Brest and Cherbourg). Measures vs. assignats forgeries (27 Dec)

-features the same new tagline: 'Liberté, Égalité, Unité, Fraternité, Humanité, Justice'

Commission des Secours publics. Measures in aftermath of Grenelle powder explosion: what individuals need to do in order to claim compensation (1794)

Lyon, blank *carte de sections* x12 (?1794). Six printed on one sheet of paper: cut out as filled in?

Aix commune, re Festival of the Supreme Being. Stipulating how people should behave, including how they should decorate their houses etc (?1794)
-pre-22 prairial II

Deputy Dubois-Crancé, address to the Convention and the people (?1794).
-must be after he gets in trouble in 1794
-starts 'J'accuse de trahison de la Nation', and then lists 25 different categories of people he is targeting!!

EPAB Box 33 (1 January-28 February 1795)

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Starting to get higher proportion of Dutch material in this box

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Reps du p Espert and Cadroy, in Bouches-du-Rhône and Var. Address on republican loyalty and virtue, and how to spot domestic enemies (1 Jan)
-including this passage in column three about how to tell if your suspicions about someone are correct: 'Pour faire tomber tous les masques, regardez en face l'homme que votre Coeur suspecte, & bientôt vous reconnoîtrez votre ennemi. Est-il toujours le jouet des temps & des circonstances; prêt-il périodiquement les couleurs des costumes révolutionnaires; adoptât-il successivement les variants des partis désorganiseurs; fût-il propagateur de la terreur; fût-il l'agent de toutes les factions; [...]s'appelât-il toujours le chevalier de la Révolution, & patriote par excellence;...' etc etc

Toulouse district general council. Instructions from national agent re observance of the *décade* and vs. fanaticism (15 Jan)

-Vendée used as the bogeyman in trying to secure popular adherence to revolutionary calendar

-interesting passage on 9 Thermidor in middle column, as part of civic instruction programme recommended for each local administration. This should include explaining to people, when gathered in Temple of Reason each *décade*, that 'la révolution du 9 Thermidor, qui a ramené le règne de la justice et de l'humanité, n'a pas eu en vue de laisser flotter les rênes du gouvernement révolutionnaire, mais de les confier à des citoyens énergiques, justes et sévères, qui fussent par les mesures qu'ils prendroient, écraser les ennemis de tout genre de la liberté et de l'égalité et consolider par ce moyen le bonheur.'

Toulouse, district tribunal. Rules on the conduct and policing of its court sessions (15 Jan).

Reps du p Ruelle and Bollet, with Armies of Brest and Cherbourg (27 Jan). Frustrated about local populations unwillingness to bear the load of requisitioning. 'Il est temps, citoyens, de faire cesser les plaints que nous recevons journellement de l'insouciance que la plupart d'entre vous apportez à l'exécution des requisitions qui vous sont faites pour le service de l'armée.'

-Combined with a reminder that army soldiers 'sont vos frères, que vous devez employer tous les moyens qui sont en votre pouvoir pour leur procurer les objets qui leur sont nécessaires.'

Aix Commune, measures vs. women not wearing tricolor cockade, and those not displaying 'la banderole nationale' in their windows every *décade* (30 Jan) **(LUNA R208363)**

-threatened with arrest and being labelled as 'suspect' (n.b. Terrorist connotations)

Reps du p Goupilleau de Fontenai, Projean, Delbrel, Vidal (Army of the Eastern Pyrenees). Trying to encourage deserters back to the flag (?Jan)

Rhône dept, a completed form for creditors of those who have had their property confiscated by the state (9 Feb)

Western Army, First Military Criminal Tribunal. Judgements (11 Feb)

-two judgements on the same day resulting in convictions for desertion. Pierre Touffet and Jean Tiberge

National Convention's enthusiastic reprinting of an address by Rep du p Debry (on mission in Drôme, Vaucluse and Ardèche) (13 Feb)

-Debry's address is all about law and order, and ending infighting and violence
-Convention has it sent to all communes and all Paris sections

CPS recipe for bread out of potatoes (14 Feb). Reprinted in Toulouse **(LUNA R208364)**

-promises a result that 'est plus agréable au goût que le pain d'orge pur, & un peu rafraîchissant.' Goes on to promote cultivation of potatoes as an easy crop that can be harvested twice a year.

-there is also a copy of this, reprinted in Aix, in EPAB 37

Rep du p Colombel (on mission in Haute-Garonne, Gers and Tarn). Regulating the law of 17 Frimaire Year II, allowing relatives of émigrés to get hold of some of their property if they manage to prove their revolutionary loyalty (14 Feb)

Western Army, First Military Criminal Tribunal. Judgement (21 Feb)

-Pierre Aubinot, acquitted of charge that in communication with Vendée brigands

Western Army, First Military Criminal Tribunal. Judgement (23 Feb)

-prison sentences for Charles Lablache and Antoine Coquerelle, both for robbery and the latter for killing a man (without criminal intent, so only gets one year in gaol)

A copy of the Law of 5 Ventôse Year III sending Terror agents back to their home neighbourhoods (23 Feb)

Paris dept, Public Notice on publication of part of the official émigré list for the entire Republic (letters R,S,T,U,V,X and Z). Again this is linked to the issue of creditors (26 Feb)

EPAB Box 34 (3 March-6 April 1795)

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Again, as in previous box there is a sizable minority of Dutch items

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Cahors district, national agent, promoting a long speech by rep du p Paganel (10 March). A two page broadsheet regarding implementation of 3 ventôse III legislation on freedom of worship

-national agent introduces Paganel's speech by explaining that a new law 'éprouve des difficultés qui pourraient produire de grands malheurs, si le peuple se laissait aller aux insinuations perfides de ses cruels ennemis.' Towards the end of his speech, Paganel raises spectre of the Vendée and rejects idea that Republic has ever been anti-religious. It is this final point that is revealed as the motivation for the whole speech, because of a reaction against a recent Convention law on freedom of worship. This must refer to the 'Décret sur l'exercice des cultes' passed on 3 ventôse III.

-also a focus on assignat, asking citizenry where their loyalty lies given Pitt's designs to destabilise France by undermining paper currency

-the balancing act post Thermidor of rejecting needless violence, but still waging war against domestic enemies

-Paganel is specifically addressing 'citizens of the countryside', a 'portion précieuse du peuple français'

Judgements continue from the Western Army, First Military Criminal Tribunal (13 March x3, 15 March, 19 March x2)

-André Buquet, Pierre Gaigeard, Antoine Dumas, Jacques-Augustin Barenton, Jean-Baptiste Midou, Jean Lemenin, Joseph Lenoir, Etienne Loizon

Aix commune, visited by rep du p Cadroy. Indication that there has been some recent trouble as the popular society is closed by order of Cadroy (16 March)

-see also measure that *all* popular societies in Aix district to be closed (31 March)

National Convention law vs. seditious assemblies (21 March)

Copy of Committee of General Security (CGS) letter, written to the national agents of unspecified districts, re threat of resurgent refractory priests getting hands on their property again (24 March)

-reminding local authorities of duty to keep all priests who have been set free under constant surveillance

Paris dept, *Bureau du domaine national*, property sale for widow Bussy (i.e. she has been convicted of an offence resulting in confiscation of property by the state) (26 March)

Aix commune announcement re 5 ventôse III legislation returning Terrorists. They are organising for enforcement of this legislation via the encouragement of denunciations of those who don't move away to home area as required (26 March)

CGS report on security situation in Paris on 8 germinal III, and measures designed to maintain order (28 March)

Extract from Bulletin of the National Convention, session of 1 germinal III: public order law (28 March)

-this law then reprinted in Rennes by order of reps du p Guezno and Guermuer on 8 germinal

National Convention, national address re events of 12 germinal (2 April) **(LUNA R208365)**

EPAB Box 35 (7 April-30 May 1795)

Commune Orléans general council reorganising NG (7 April) **(LUNA R208366)**

-responding to increasing problems with NG, in particular due to the practice of using a replacement to escape obligations. Article 1 of the order states that all Orléans' citizens between ages of 16 and 60 are required to fulfil their NG service *in person*.

-rep du p Porcher approves council's measure, setting it within broader context of revolutionary activism and threats posed to France before and after the Terror.

-Porcher lays blame for the Terror on citizenry's failure to remember obligations such as NG duty: 'Considérant que c'est de l'oubli de ces principes que l'on a vu dans toutes les parties de la France s'élever un système destructeur de la propriété & de la sûreté des Citoyens, & cette anarchie sanguinaire qui auroit infailliblement conduit la République au tombeau, sans l'heureuse époque du 9 thermidor.'

National Convention law regulating the meeting times of Paris sections and also the number of people from within a section who could form a deputation to present addresses and petitions (8 April)

National Convention law organising popular support vs. unrest and threat to property (18 April)

-DISSEMINATION: manuscript note on the back reads:

'La presente loi a été publiée au son de la ----- aux differens carrefours et endroits ordinaires de la section du Montreuil par nous commissaires civil et de police de la d.^{te} section accompagnés de six citoyens de la garde montante. Ce jourd'huy trente Germinal an 3.^e de la Republique huit heures du matin et avons signés...' (two signatures follow)

-Section Montreuil therefore hear about this law the day after it is passed

National Convention law reorganising Paris NG (18 April)

Brittany rebels, proclamation by leaders. Addressed directly to 'the inhabitants of the countryside' (21 April)

-appropriates revolutionary symbols of the fasces, axe and bonnet rouge

Reps du p Laurenceot and Chernier (Loire-et-Cher, Cher, Nièvre, Indre and Haute-Vienne) (22 April). Re requisitioning and failure of citizens to embrace the idea!

Lot dept, administrators. Address re fall out from Germinal uprising (30 April) **(LUNA R208367)**

-response to Law of 28 Germinal III which has redirected authority to the districts in the wake of the Germinal uprising in Paris

-denunciation of counter-revolutionary plotting and France's domestic enemies, combined with appeal to loyal republicans of the Lot to stand with the authorities to defeat these continuing threats: 'confians dans l'énergie des nombreux républicains qui couvrent ce département, nous parviendrons facilement à faire rentrer à l'ordre cette tourbe de pygmées'.

-interesting to note that in the orders that go with this address, which has explicitly stemmed from events in Paris, the targets are refractory priests and émigrés, *not* popular radicals

-behaviour of women in district Gourdon singled out for particular condemnation (pretext of disturbances described as freedom of worship)

Paris commissioners for the *Comité de bienfaisance* and their geographical patches within the capital (?April). On the back are blank ration cards for the above.

Rep du p Mazade (Moselle, Meurthe) re émigrés and refractories (1 May)

-includes reflection on what he considers to be the difference between frontier areas and other parts of the country, and therefore what different challenges are present.

Inference is that tactics of the authorities might also need to change to reflect this.

Rep du p Chénier, report to National Convention on behalf of CPS, CGS and Committee of Legislation, followed by decree re émigrés, deportees, royalists and those attacking 'la Représentation nationale' (2 May)

-a reflection that enacting Thermidorian legislation designed to control memories/fall out from the Terror has not gone as planned. Some legislation has immediately fallen into disuse, while even legislation that is implemented can cause unintended consequences: 'il s'introduit dans leur execution un arbitraire dangereux, et dont il importe d'arrêter les progrès. Vous avez abattu le terrorisme, vous avez ordonné le désarmement de ses sicaires; mais vous n'avez pas prétendu que l'exaltation du caractère, que des opinions hasardées, des erreurs même fussent des motifs suffisans pour désarmer un citoyen.'

Nîmes commune, re 5 ventôse legislation and terror agents (2 May) **(LUNA R208368)**
Introducing measures to improve the implementation of this legislation.

- the system is described as resting on willingness and diligence of private citizens to denounce individuals who shouldn't be in Nîmes
- negligence of 'bons Citoyens' in performing duty of informing authorities re non-locals entering and leaving the city is undermining the system
- new system put in place to facilitate information-gathering by the authorities

Committee of Legislation address to Criminal Tribunals in the depts, followed by National Convention decree and Committee order. The committee is trying to rein in acts of private vengeance post-Terror, using Lyon as an example of what needs to be avoided (10 May) **(LUNA R208369)**

Dept Loire, administration. 'State of the Nation'-style address (13 May)

- a new set of administrators, presumably as a result of local elections. They want to set out their principles and priorities
- the Terror is, again, the very first thing that is discussed. Highlights importance of implementing legislation of 5 ventôse, 1 germinal and 21 germinal fairly. Appeal to local authorities to distinguish 'l'erreur du crime; sans doute vous ne confondrez pas le tort involontaire d'une opinion dangereuse ou extravagante, avec le délit trop réel de celui qui a froidement médité et perfidement exécuté la perte d'un seul de ses concitoyens.'

Rep du p Chambon (Bouches-du-Rhône, Var). Re Toulon acting as a refuge for enemies of the Republic (20 May)

- wants to try and prevent more people from getting to Toulon who have counter-revolutionary inclinations

Copies of various Convention laws in response to Prairial III uprising, published by the Convention

- outlawing rebels of prairial III (21 May)
- re leadership of Paris *force armée* (22 May)
- vs. Faubourg Antoine (23 May)
- vs. protestors, especially women (23 May)
- gender equality in punishing women and men! (26 May)

Aix commune re bread prices (30 May)

Dire straits re price of flour and therefore bread. This appeal ends by asking citizenry to look after each other, and in particular the poor, because they claim that there is nothing they can do to bring prices down.

EPAB Box 36 (1 June-31 July 1795)

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Trend of a significant minority of Dutch items continues – c. 20% of content of box

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Rep du p Bouret (Manche) proclamation (4 June). Raising fears that the recently concluded peace in the Vendée will be broken by machinations of Vendée rebel leaders like Cormatin (revealed in papers found hidden on the latter).

Paris Brutus section(10 June). Disarmament of those involved in Prairial III uprising, on orders of the Convention.

Tribunal de police correctionnelle, canton Charenton. Judgement (16 June) **(LUNA R208370)**

Conviction of nine named men and ninety unnamed women and girls who attacked a coach carrying supplies from Auxerre – along with its escort of National Guardsmen.

Military Commission. Judgement against a number of Convention deputies found guilty of involvement in the 'conspiracy' of 1 Prairial III, with one other having charges dropped (17 June).

-Deputies Romme, Duquesnoy, Duroy, Bourbotte, Soubrany and Goujeon are sentenced to death

-Deputy Peyssard is deported, 'attendu qu'il n'a pas déployé le même caractère de rébellion' as the others, but that still clearly involved

-Deputy Forestier found to have nothing proven against him, but put back in gaol and case sent back to CGS

Aix municipal commission, address to local citizenry on the issue of subsistence (27 June)

Rep du p Pelet de la Lozière (Army of the Eastern Pyrenees) (27 June)

-measures vs. desertion

Criminal Tribunal, Haute-Vienne. Judgement (4 July). Spread across two broadsheets

-acquittal of François Pigeaud, Léonard Pigeaud, Jacques Fournier, Antoine Vergniaud and Jean-Baptiste Fayard, charged with theft of grain from the public grain stores in the district of Gueret

'Extraordinary deputies' from Lyon (i.e. appointed from within Lyon to represent the city), address to the Convention and the Committees of Public Safety and General Security(6 July)

-appealing for Lyon to be seen in a more favourable light by the Parisian authorities, and attempting to use history of Terrorist repression to explain and excuse any excesses during the Thermidorian Reaction. The latter are presented as exaggerated anyway.

General Kellermann (Army of the Alps and Italy), appealing to Isère dept for troops after endemic desertion (15 July) **(LUNA R208371)**

- broadside also features the response from St.-Marcellin District (where this broadside is printed)

-three header images. Small figures of 'égalité' and 'liberté' to left and right of central image incorporating canons, drums, cannonballs, flags, the *bonnet rouge* on a sword, and fasces with axe.

Letter from CGS to authorities and public officials nationwide (21 July). Copy printed in Dijon on orders of Côte-d'Or dept directory.

-warning for authorities to be vigilant as arrival of new constitution imminent and this will be an attractive time for counter-revolutionaries to strike

-Côte-d'Or dept directory prints orders to disseminate this address and calls on dept's municipalities to tighten up on *passeports* as asked

Western Army, First Military Criminal Tribunal. Judgement (31 July)

-acquittal of Pierre Lebail, Jean Hulbrin, Joseph Cron, Mathurin Luherne, Pierre Mignon and Louis Tromelin, who were standing trial on the charge of desertion

EPAB Box 37 (2 Aug-30 Oct 1795)

Louis XVIII's 'Declaration of Verona', reprinted in Belle-ville (i.e. Belleville-sur-Vie, in the Vendée) (17 Aug) **(LUNA R208372)**. The printing is organised by General Charette, one of the leaders of the Vendée rebellion against the French Republic, who had just been promoted to the rank of general by Louis in July.

Aix commune, passing on advice to those growing potatoes from the CPS (?Aug)

-prejudice and force of habit blamed for slow take-up of opportunities to grow potatoes. Clear link drawn to the war effort and fight against counter-revolutionaries

Aix commune, police order dating 14 vendémiaire/4 October (5 Oct)

-forbidding the throwing of stones in the street, or elsewhere – an activity that children currently regularly involved in

-states that occasionally the situation degenerates into gang warfare between children

-now older people are getting involved

-'si le mal n'était arrêté dans son principe, il était à craindre que le nombre des délinquans ne vint insensiblement à grosser, et que nous n'eussions le malheur de voir renaître ces anciennes ENQUEIRADES qui était si redoutables...' (*enquirades* was a traditional Aix game involving the throwing of stones at each other)

Aix commune, proclamation vs. green ribbons (20 Oct) **(LUNA R208373)**

-responding to reports received from other communes that green neckties are used

'comme un signe d'indifférence et de mépris pour les couleurs nationales'

-arrest threatened for anyone wearing them

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