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I am extremely pleased with the proceedings of yesterday, having passed a great part of the day at the house of an acquaintance in the City, in order to have a more immediate knowledge of their effects. The proclamation issued by his Majesty, and which, I doubt not was the suggestion of his own noble mind, has restored the Constitution of this Country to its former energy and lustre, from which it has been gradually declining for many years, till it seemed to be irrecoverably lost. He is now a King, and may it please God long to continue him so. If Monsieur de Beaumarchais should still deny him to be a Roi, it will give me no displeasure at all, and will give, I believe, no little to his Majesty. With a due exertion of the Royal prerogative, a most valuable part of our constitution, the legislative authority of parliament may be still preserved; which would have been altogether destroyed if our worthy Patriots, and their mobs had been left at full freedom to carry on their operations; for such operations must have necessarily ended in a Roi of the worst kind,

Supported merely by a regimented Mob, or
military power, without any Parliamentary
check at all. I hope the ancient executive
power of the State, being thus revived with such
usefull effect will never be suffered again to fall
so fast asleep, as only to be roused by the murder of
good men, the burning of houses and the opening
of prisons, and such other horrors as our
wretched Town has been visited with for this
week past. It is a folly to talk of a Country
being governed by Laws, when there is no person
in it who has the power or the courage to
put those Laws in execution.

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