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The occurrence which has just taken place has confirmed us more than ever in our plans. The very guards who surround us are the persons who threaten us most. Our very lives are not safe; but we must appear to submit to everything until the moment comes when we can act; and in the meantime our captivity proves that none of our actions are done by their own accord...our position is frightful, and we must absolutely put an end to it next month. The king desires it even more than I do.

Source:

Letter from Marie Antoinette to Count Mercy d'Argenteauon (the Austrian Ambassador in Paris) on 20th April 1791. Taken from Alfred Ritter von Arneth (ed.), Marie Antoinette, Joseph II und Leopold II., ihr briefwechsel (Vienna: 1856), pp. 155-156.