

Source: *The Woman Cheret, The Event of Paris and Versailles, by One of the Ladies Who Had the Honor to Be in the Deputation to the General Assembly, 1789*

About 8:30 in the morning, many women appeared at the city hall ... [to learn] why it was so difficult to get bread and at such a high price; others wanted most absolutely for the king and queen to come to Paris and live in the Louvre About noon or one o'clock, Monsieur the Marquis de la Fayette, who seemed to see nothing good in a trip to Versailles, finally came to believe that he must cede to the citizens' fervent wishes

When the women were about to enter their majesties' residence [at Versailles], the bourgeoisie of Versailles, the Flanders Regiment and the dragoons [cavalry] ... clapped their hands, registered their satisfaction with shout of joy, congratulated the women on their arrival, and begged them to work for the general good. Need anyone make such a request of French-born ladies who were led by the heroes of the Bastille? ... [The] honorable members of the National Assembly, coming to understand that the women were absolutely committed to persist until there was something definite for always, accorded to our twelve deputies (1) a new prohibition against exporting grain; (2) a promise that a tax of 24 livres would be levied on wheat, an honest price so that there can be enough bread, and bread at a price within reach of even the least comfortable citizens; (3) that meat would cost no more than 8 under the livre. ... Our citizenesses, clothed in glory, were returned by carriage, at his majesty's expense, to the city hall in Paris, where we welcomed them as liberators of the capital, their actions to forever ruin the present and future designs of the aristocracy.