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- i. In the countryside, rumours spread from village to village that the lords of the manor had hired bands of brigands who were on their way to destroy the ripe crops.
- ii. Caught in a frenzy of fear, peasants in several districts seized hoes and pitchforks and attacked chateaux.
- iii. They looted hoarded grain and burnt down documents containing records of manorial dues.
- iv. A large number of nobles fled from their homes, many of them migrating to neighbouring countries.

Q2. What compelled Louis XVI to raise taxes in France?

Ans. The following reasons compelled Louis XVI to raise taxes in France.

1. Long years of war had drained the financial resources of France.
2. Added to this was the cost of maintaining an extravagant court at the immense palace of Versailles.
3. Under Louis XVI, France helped the thirteen American colonies to gain their independence from the common enemy, Britain.
4. Lenders, who gave the state credit, now began to charge 10 per cent interest on loans.
5. Regular expenses, such as the cost of maintaining an army, the court, running government offices or universities could not be avoided.