

a *grand fact* in the way, there is a pope who has rights ; you cannot take them away without violating justice, honesty, morality, the whole law of nations. That Victor Emmanuel violated the simplest principles of International law in robbing the Pope is evident to any one who knows what those principles are. If any sovereign in Europe could be called legitimate, certainly Pius IX was he. At any rate Victor Emmanuel had no right, title or shadow of a claim to the sovereignty of the papal kingdom, more than have the emperors of Austria, France, the king of Spain or the people of the United-States. As justly could our President send an army to take Rome as the Italian king did. Our own great lawyer, Chancellor Kent, lays down the principles of the law of nations applicable to the present case. It may be well to cite some of the passages regarding this point from his commentaries, vol. 1st, pp. 21 and 23. " Nations are equal in respect to each other, and entitled to claim equal consideration for their rights, whatever may be their relation, dimensions or strength, or however greatly they may differ in government, religion, or manners. This perfect equality and entire independence of all other States is a fundamental principle of