

velling cap. I certainly did not intend to show, and I am certain I did not show any disrespect to the devotion then going on. I am quite incapable of showing disrespect to any christians engaged in prayer. It may be asked why then did I not join in those prayers? My answer is ready: because I claim for myself that which I insist upon for every other sect and persuasion, the free exercise of my own religious observances.

Liberality does not, in my mind, consist in softening down or giving up any particle of one's own religious opinions. It consists, as I think, in being anxious to afford to every other person that which you claim for yourself—the free and strict observances of his own religious practices, however repugnant they may be to yours. There is the case of Captain Aitcheson, of the Artillery; a case which I consider to be a disgrace to British military authority, and indeed to the British nation. It is a crying injustice which calls loudly for redress. His case is just this:—He was ordered to fire a salute in honor of a procession of the Holy Sacrament.—He felt that it was joining in an act of worship—and it was so—of that which his conscientious belief told him ought not to be worshipped. He does not believe in the real presence; well I do believe in the real presence with the firmest and most undoubting faith. He refused to fire the salute under these circumstances. I approve of his conduct. As a man of conscience he could not do otherwise. What is the consequence? He is stripped of his commission without any recompense and left with his family in deep distress. I honor his consistency; I have more than once advocated his cause before Parliament, and I hope British people will, one day or other, be roused by a sense of wrong done, though it be to a single individual, and insist on justice being done to a conscientious and honorable man. The Catholic is bound to pray for all men; he is to pray *with* Catholics only. This is my principle of action; I asserted this principle for Captain Aitcheson; I do assert it for myself. If I had shown any even the slightest disrespect to the Divine worship by Protestants I should atone for it in the most public and satisfactory manner I possibly could. I did not do so. I only asserted my own principles. Let those blame me who please; and amongst them, perhaps, may be found some of the most consistent and practical bigots of the day. For myself, I repeat, I only assert for myself fully and completely that which I am equally ready to assert as fully and completely for others—perfect individual freedom of religious observance.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient Servant,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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