

were an Irishman. His situation is a good one, but the persecution and tantalizing laws of the beggarly Lutheran King of Denmark makes his position anything but enviable. The Catholic religion is here persecuted in every possible way. Every ranting and fanatical sect, whether Moravian, Lutheran, Dutch, Aetoin, or under any other motley name or grade, is at full liberty to make proselytes from the Catholic faith, but the Catholic Church is strictly and violently prohibited from making converts. If a Catholic should assist in recalling any one to the religion of his forefathers, he is liable to be put off the island at a moment's warning, and the convert to be sent in irons to Denmark, there to abide the penalty of the law! Hence, every day the priest is under the distressing and cruel necessity of refusing baptism, and also to refuse receiving converts. Every Catholic marrying a Protestant is forced to sign a bond to rear his children as Protestants. There are some adults at present waiting to be baptised and admitted into the Church by —, a pastor who is on the eve of his departure hence and the mock-liberal King may follow him if he desires for doing his sacred duty. They are now striving to make the whole slave population Moravians, and the Governor-in-Chief has issued an order to levy a fine of one dollar for every child absent from the Moravian instructions on Sundays, which is insidiously held at the very hour they should be at Mass; and this fine is to be paid not by the proprietor, but by the already enough execrated overseer. There are many Catholic proprietors here; but I have not heard that any reclamation has been made against this tyranny, except by the family of —, who has not one Protestant among his people. The poor Catholics here are in utter ignorance of many rights to which they are entitled, since the capitulation made by the French, who stipulated for the independence of the religion, but which the Government keep concealed. The only practical way to obtain a mitigation of those barbarous laws, would be to get a copy of the capitulation out of the archives of France, and publish it in the London and Paris papers. In your zeal for the advancement of religion, if you put any train to that effect in operation, you would render a lasting benefit to the Catholic people of St. Croix and St. Thomas.—[Dublin Correspondent of the Tablet.

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occasion, assisted by a considerable number of clergymen. A few months only have elapsed since those religious ladies commenced their heroic work of charity, and they already command the admiration and esteem of every class and persuasion. The unremitting care bestowed on the education of the numerous poor female children and their assiduous attendance on the sick poor of this impoverished town, have well earned for those holy nuns a new title—'The Sisters of Heaven,' given them here by the objects of their solicitude.—[Cork Examiner.

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