

form ; and that the very part of the earth on which we trod had its antipodes ! The Pope in his answer, which was written in 784, directed that, if these facts were proved before a Council, Virgilius should be degraded. But the Irish divine paid no regard to the Papal mandate ; *nor was he degraded*, but was first made Rector of St. Stephens Abbey, by Otilo, Duke of Bavaria, and afterwards Bishop of Saltsburg.

It was not until the time of the Danish invasion that our Church became subject to Rome, or to the Roman Pontiff. *In Chap. XV., and on page 281, of Dr. Falloon's Hist. of Ireland*, we have what follows :—"The Danish invasion proved highly detrimental to the interests of the Irish Church, and the subsequent events connected with the conversion of the invaders to Christianity, ultimately led to the final subjugation of the Irish Church to the dominion and authority of the Roman Pontiff.

The number of learned ecclesiastics who flocked from Ireland to the Continent of Europe in this age, and their obvious dissent from the Church of Rome," says the same writer "could not fail to excite the apprehensions of those who in modern times would be denominated the Ultramontane party ; and in the year 813, a decree was passed in a Council held at Chalons-Sur-Saone, forbidding the Irish Bishops to ordain priests or deacons without the con