

and flying in the very face of Papacy. When I come to you it will be my first care to restore order by banishing this book out of my sacred dominions. I will not tolerate it for a moment. My consecrated priesthood do not meddle with it, and why should you?

"You have violated the sanctity of my holy office of the inquisition, by exposing what was designed to be private. In this I cannot commend you, as you have given to heretics occasion to blaspheme. Entrusted with the sword of Peter, that I may wound the flesh for the good of the soul, I have restored the sacred office, and the bones of former heretics being removed, I have ordered the apartments to be prepared for your accommodation that you may have quiet retirement, and some indispensable aid to prepare you for another world, as your presence may prove troublesome to me in this.

"When I come to you, I will be lenient to all who merely transgress God's law, and I shall in no way interfere with your carnal pleasures, for human nature is weak, and must be indulged. On all days, except saints' days, you may therefore pursue your pleasures; but woe to the sinner who opposes my pontifical will! This is a crime deserving death here, and purgatorial fires hereafter.

"I promise not to preach to you on my return, (it is an antiquated custom,) but I will take care to confer with you through my trusty cardinals, who will summarily make known to you our sovereign will, and take care of your 'principal and interest.' I am forbidden to trust to human affection; it is a broken reed: I shall therefore hereafter rely on well manufactured bayonets and stilettos. Take heed, my children, of meddling with such edged tools. Be obedient to me, pay punctually your dues, shut your eyes and ears against the admission of dangerous knowledge, pray for the return of those middle ages, when priests had full sway, and be happy."—*Written to the Romans from Gaeta.*

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*For the Witness of Truth.*

## ORGANIZATION.

A congregation of believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, is what is denominated the Christian church. It appears from the Acts of Apostles and the Epistles that a body of believers meeting together in the name of their Lord was called a church, simply from the fact of their being members of Christ's body, though not organized. Titus was left in Crete to "set in order things that were wanting and ordain elders in every city" or church. From this it appears evident that churches existed, and were by the Apostles owned as such, before order was introduced, or before they had elders, deacons, or rulers. The first or primitive Christians being of one heart and one soul, as indeed all true Christians are, they could meet, worship, preach, pray, break the loaf &c. &c., with one accord, but nevertheless God being a God of order, it was in accordance with his mind and law that all things should