

is this, "that the convention decide whether Britain had any right to recognize the belligerent rights of the South. The government of England finding that America wanted to interfere in the foreign policy of England, at once and firmly refused to proceed in the matter. If, therefore, the desire of Americans is to humble Britain, we ask the question, what is the position of British subjects? and in reply say, stand up for Britain, and prove to Americans and American Fenians that whatever may be their opinion of the people inhabiting these British possessions, they are prepared to stand as a wall of fire around Britain and defy any advance of a Fenian army into Canada. Should, however, General O'Neil and his supporters succeed in raising an army of one hundred thousand men, we would ask how is he to get all the necessaries for his coming to Canada. He must have horses, artillery, ammunition, &c., &c., and where is he to find them.— Without money very little can be done, and unless he gets it from some Power he cannot raise it any way else. Will the American Government give it? Will any of the European Powers give it? We answer *no*. The people to whom he must look for support, however willing, have not the necessary means, and while in many cases they would give all they possess they could not raise in two years as much as would be required to keep their army or armies one month.

I am not the man to seek the enriching of England by the oppression of any class of people. In olden times my country fought against England, under Bruce and Wallace, until she beat them at Bannockburn; but what a much better fight is she waging now by sending wise and educated men to represent her in the Houses of Parliament, and thereby she, in her rights, is placed on an equal footing with England, and so will it be with Ireland if she will quietly work and wait. Look already at what that polished and enlightened statesman, Gladstone, is doing in connection with the Irish Church question, and although he has many difficulties before him, we believe he will ultimately succeed, and once the Irish Church question is removed, one of the greatest grievances of the country is settled.