

The subject of my letter to the President relates to the condition and use made of the United States Commerce and Navigation Reports for several years, as secretly moulded under alien official patronage and influence adverse to the interests of the United States, and sought to be concealed by the continued profanation of sacred things.

The irreverence and desecration which the contemporaneous Trade and Navigation Returns of Canada display, in perfect harmony with those of the United States, but favourable to the interests of Canada, concern the Government of the Dominion. This portion of the subject I am content to leave at the disposal of the people of Canada, upon the understanding that it is fully and fairly brought under their notice, being confident that a vast majority will be found to belong to that grand old stock which has cleaved its guarded pathway throughout the world, bearing the device—"IN NOC SIGNO VINCES."

The "Correspondence respecting the Halifax Fisheries Commission" laid before the Imperial Parliament in 1878, by command of Her Majesty the Queen, through Her responsible officer, embodies not only the blasphemous use of the desecration exhibited in the Trade Returns of the countries named, but it embraces also the record of the triumphs won under solemn oath by this profanity, together with a list of the rewards royally scattered.

The Bishops of the National Church in parliament assembled, have officially received this tainted record. In their unconscionable hands has been placed a foul witness of official fraud and unbelief, so veiled in scornful disregard of what we humbly and confidently trust is a sacred message to mankind, that he who ventures to defend further concealment, or by any excuse gives aid and comfort to the enemy of our race, seems to palter openly with God.

For there are features distinguishing the transactions I have described which will not escape the attention of any thinking man. Apart from added physical crime, nothing worse could be created in fiction or accomplished in fact.

These transactions violate every leading principle of religion, law, honour, rule and comity.

They degrade and debase, with a view to conceal heinous fraud, for selfish individual purposes, the merciful message of Redemption vouchsafed to the human race; and in their defence it is urged that they are necessary for use over again.

They are essentially a Government work, treacherously and traitorously practised against another Government and friendly neighbouring people.

They have for their object the pecuniary gain of a score or so of utterly unscrupulous men, and the continuance in political power of those who aid in this unhallowed and Christ-seoffing work.

The scheme so successfully pursued has involved abilities of no mean order, but befogged with Athleteistic views. It has been encouraged by great personal influence, much prolonged concerted action, unbounded audacity and very large pecuniary resources.

The defence of the scheme and the efforts at concealment have been on a par with the perpetration of the outrage.

But they have all been darkly human.

It is now my duty to inform you with sufficient fullness respecting this matter, as developed by the discoveries I have made; for there is a far nearer approach to home responsibility than has yet openly met any eye, or has yet greeted any ear.

The subject largely concerns belief not merely in the Providence of God as extended to the nation, but individual belief in the existence of a God by those appointed to assume delegated power.

It is therefore a matter from which none will dare to say you will be led to shrink by any consideration whatever, for the confidence and the comfort which your acknowledged sense of the existence of Providence inspires and encourages, arises from the continued proof you offer to the Nation of truthful professions as sustained by consistent practice in life.

The further investigation which has suddenly led me to the discovery of the ratio 666,303—303,666 was incited or prompted by the prior detection of palpable fraud in the proof copy of the Case of Her Majesty's Government officially placed in my hands by the Secretary of the Halifax Fisheries Commission to enable me to carry out the joint instructions of the Agents of the Government of the Queen and of the United States.

This is a most important point, for had not my attention been drawn to alterations in writing in the proof copy of the Case of Her Majesty's Government which disclosed gross fraud, it never would have occurred to me, humanly speaking, to have commenced an inquiry which has been attended with such terrible results.

It is also apparent that if Lord Salisbury had chosen to have looked at the absolute proof of this gross fraud which I took to England in the same vessel which carried Sir A. Galt and Sir Leonard Tilley, in 1878, the Fisheries question might have been quietly and diplomatically settled before your advent to power, without knowledge of the ratio 666,303—303,666.

Your colleague, the Rt. Hon. A. J. Mundella, used his utmost exertions to procure an investigation but Lord Salisbury would not look at the proofs which were repeatedly proffered. In all this we discern an interposition for a wise and merciful purpose.—The cup was not yet full.

In consequence of Lord Salisbury's action that ratio has continued ready for further use by those