

To one portion of this book I feel it right to direct attention,—namely, to the *Appendix*. I do so for two reasons. In the first place, it contains, in the official Report furnished by the Count de Rayneval, the French Envoy at Rome, to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in Paris, the most authoritative and conclusive refutation of the charges urged against the Government of the Pope; and affords an amount of valuable information, on various points, of which it is essential that the public of these countries should be apprized. This document first appeared in its English form in the *Daily News* of the 18th of March, 1847; and while adopting this translation, I can vouch for its accuracy, as I have closely compared it with the original French, subsequently published in that journal. In no material respect does the one differ from the other; the translation, in every respect, substantially conveying the meaning of the original, and giving all its figures and facts with scrupulous fidelity. I had been in previous possession of documentary evidence, proving the truth of the statements made in this remarkable State Paper, and had even embodied many of them in my letters; but, on its appearance in the *Daily News*, I was at once convinced that I would be more likely to serve the cause which I had at heart, by abandoning what I had written, and adopting the dispatch of the French