

Court, for which they have and are making such a noise, is an irrevokable sentence, emanating from an independent and sovereign power. They ought to know also about what the supreme court has pronounced her opinions, that is on the right application of the laws of the 7th July, 1866, and 15th August, 1867; laws which, as I have already told you, with few modifications, and after a parliamentary debate, were applied to the Roman provinces. Here it is worth while to observe how some have endeavoured improperly to call to their help, the Garantees law (13 Mai, 1871), which, in its fourth article, speaks of religious corporations, but does not comprise assuredly in this number the Propaganda, which, having her own patrimony, is not amongst those for which the Holy See ought to provide with the annual donation of 3,325,000 francs.

I have translated the decision of the supreme court, in order that everybody might be acquainted with it. In the legal part of their decision you will see the reason why the Propaganda cannot be excluded from the conversion. You saw how the Italian government does not make any profit in changing the estates into rent's certificates, you have seen how, for seven years, the Propaganda has acted in friendly terms with the committee charged with the liquidation; you have observed how the suspension of the sale took place only after the Propaganda asked that the tribunal of Rome would exclude her from the conversion of the estates. I have proved to you how the Propaganda, in the said conversion, has gained and not lost; you have seen how she can choose the stock she wished