

"ance was made by that incalculable number  
 "of Christians who were sacrificed to the fury  
 "of those tyrants, it was not for want of  
 "power or means." Cardinal *Bellarmino*,  
 one of the most splendid luminaries of that  
 communion, entertains an opinion directly con-  
 trary. "If the Christians did not depose *Nero*,  
 "or *Julian*, it was only for want of temporal  
 "power\*." Who shall decide when Doctors  
 disagree?

These doctrines were more distinctly and  
 expressly declared by the council of Trent,  
 which settled finally the Roman Faith, and to  
 which the oath of allegiance most particularly  
 refers. I have not the canons of that council  
 to produce, but I believe what I have already  
 stated is sufficient to convince the reader that  
 it was not through calumny, or ignorance, that  
 the Papists were charged with maintaining  
 that Princes might be deposed or murdered by  
 the authority of the See of Rome. How far  
 the decrees of the Popes are binding upon Ro-  
 man Catholics, may be seen in the words of  
 the Creed of *Pius* the Fourth, which is the  
 standard of their religion, and contains the  
 faith which is professed by every person who  
 embraces it. "I do promise and swear true  
 "obedience to the Bishop of Rome."

The next assertions which I shall consider  
 are these, "The position that 'tis lawful to  
 "murder or destroy heretics is no part of the

\* Quod si Christiani olim non deposuerunt Neronem, aut Julianum,  
 id fuit, quia deerant vires temporales Christianis. Bellarmino, de Rom.  
 Pontif. C. v. c. 7.

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