

Now the Irish Papists are Irish men mixed in blood and descended from many of those who are at present Protestant families. There is not an individual inhabitant that has ever borne arms against the English Government, nor has there been any rebellion, insurrection, or the face of an enemy (Thurot's excepted)

country who can conceive men *to be more disposed to support a government that protects them in all the rights of humanity, than one whose policy it is to extirpate them*; that as men always entertain a predilection in favour of the country where they are educated, *to compel the Roman Catholics to send their children to France for education is not the best means of weaning their affections from that kingdom*; that men who invest their wealth in fixed property *are not the most apt to excite insurrections*; and that *to oblige men to transmit their property into foreign countries is not the surest method of attaching them to the state they reside in*. Bishops, it is to be hoped, may be found in future times who will be able to discover *that their being brought up in ignorance is not the likeliest way to teach men to discern and overcome early prejudices*; that it is paying an ill compliment to the authors of the reformation *to insist upon mens professing themselves Protestants antecedent to their receiving any instruction*; and that christianity *no more authorizes Protestants to make converts by penal statutes and disabilities, than it does Roman Catholics to propagate their creed by fire and faggot.*

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