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God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ; by whom the world is Crucified to me, and I to the world.-- St. Paul, Gal. vi. 14.

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## CALENDAR.

- APRIL 4—Sunday—Easter Sunday.
- 5—Monday—Easter Monday.
- 6—Tuesday—Easter Tuesday.
- 7—Wednesday—Easter Wednesday.
- 8—Thursday—Easter Thursday.
- 9—Friday—Easter Friday.
- 10—Saturday—Easter Saturday.

### "ENGLISH GUILT."

We recorded our deliberate opinion, some time since, that Providence was scourging England by means of the Irish famine for her long career of iniquity and oppression on our unfortunate country. We did so, not without provocation. Slick Saints here, had propounded from the pulpit, that the famine was a chastisement from heaven for the idolatry and superstitions of the Catholics of Ireland, and a bigotted press re-echoed the savage doctrine. The Theologians of the Times argued that the people on whom the scourge immediately fell must have been themselves guilty, as if we had never read in the Book of God that thousands of King David's subjects were stricken for his personal sins. The Guardian has also come to the rescue, and in order to eke out its lame and impotent Editorial of last week published a long and rabid extract from a furious Orange print of the North of Ireland against the religion and character of the Irish people. We must in self defence remind those saintly traducers that England is more to be blamed for this famine than Ireland—that England has confiscated the entire lands of Ireland twice or thrice over—that England has by a systematic code of inhuman laws reduced the Irish people to degradation and beggary—that England extinguished the prosperous manufactures of our country—that England quartered on impoverished Ireland the richest Church that the world ever beheld, and forced the Irish peasant to gorge the overfed monster with his tears, his sweat and his blood—that England to promote the Protestant Religion deluged the land with Charter Schools of immorality in which the iniquities of Sodom and Gomorrah were exceeded—

that England barely violated every compact and treaty which she made with the Irish people—that England framed the sanguinary penal code, and by bullets and bayonets, carried it into execution—that England passed all those cruel and emaciating enactments by which the Irish landlord was invested with supreme despotism, and the Irish people was laid prostrate at his feet—that England, by her standing army in Ireland maintained this shocking state of things, supported the Law Church in all its robbery the Orangemen in all their murders, the Corporations in all their pillage, and the gentry in all their tyranny, until the Irish people were brought down to the lowest state of misery, and condemned to subsist literally on the husks of swine. And we are not to speak of "English guilt" forsooth!

We beg to inform the people of the Times, and the criminal of the Guardian, and the Bellowing Bull of Bashan from Dutch-town, that this is not the first famine which has been brought upon Ireland by "English guilt." As long ago, as the reign of "good Queen Bess" whom they all admire so much, direful famine raged in Ireland. We will give them authorities which they cannot consistently reject, such as Morison, Leland, Cox, Holinshed, Sydney, Spenser, &c., in proof of our statement. Attend hypocrites to the bloody records of "English guilt" by English pens! and hang your heads for shame.

"Because I have often made mention formerly, of our destroying the rebels corn, and using all means to famish them, let me now, by two or three examples, show the miserable estate to which they were thereby reduced.

"Some old women about Newry used to make a fire in the fields, and divers little children, driving out the cattle in the cold mornings, and coming thither to warm themselves, were by these women, surprised, killed and eaten; which was at last discovered by a great girl, breaking from them by the strength of her body; and Captain Travor sending out soldiers to know the truth, they found the children's skulls and bones, and apprehended the old women, who were executed for the fact. No spectacle was more frequent in the ditches of the towns, and especially in wasted countries, than to see people dead with their mouths all colored green by eating nettles, docks, and all things they could find up above ground."

\*Morison—apud Curry. i. 49