

account to give you." "You are indeed, my lord, my superior, and I am nothing but a poor priest, but there is a great God who is as much above you as above me, and that God has granted me rights which I will never give up to please any man; in the presence of that God and in the presence of the President of the College of Jesuits [who was there] I protest against your iniquity." "Well," he said, "do you come here to give me a lecture?" I replied, "No, my lord; but I want to know if you brought me here to insult me?" He said, "M. Chiniquy, I brought you here because you deceived me. You gave me a document which you know very well was not an act of submission." Then the voice within me said very strongly, "Do not you see that in the Church of Rome you do not follow the Word of God, but the lying traditions of men?" And thanks be to God that I did not silence the voice, but I prayed to God to grant it to me to follow His Holy Word. Then I said to the Bishop, "My lord, how can you say that I deceived you the other day? I gave you a document which was written in perfect English. You read it twice and understood it well. Then, if you have been deceived, you deceived yourself, and you cannot accuse me of the deception." The Bishop said he could not accept such a submission, and told me I must make another submission from which the words "according to the Word of God" should be erased. Then I answered, "My lord, you distress me. If I take away from my submission 'the Word of God,' on what basis will my faith stand?" He replied, "M. Chiniquy, I am not here to have a discussion with you. I am your superior; you are my inferior; you must obey me, and give me another submission." "Tell me," I said, "what act of submission you require from me." He said, "You must begin by taking away these little words, 'according to the Word of God as we find it in the Gospel of Christ,' and say simply that you promise to obey my authority without any condition, and that you will promise to