

than probable he is your authority on the Bible-reading question ; and, here, again, your Lordship must excuse me, if for a moment I pause before I receive his statements, even made through you, when placed in contradiction to my own positive knowledge of the subject, confirmed by the world-wide doctrine of the Catholic Church. Go on, my Lord, and continue your correspondence, your statements, and your English bigotry ; go on, and have and enjoy your momentary triumph ; but it is more than probable you will yet adopt the language of the victorious Roman general—"Another such victory will ruin me."

But, my Lord, there is a meaning rather significant in this late speech to the Madiai deputation. Perhaps you were speaking figuratively, as you did when you wept over the destruction of the convents and of the colleges of Switzerland—as you did when you *interfered one week too late* in saving the lives of hundreds of persecuted Catholics from the murderous fire and the inhuman butchery of the free corps of the sanguinary Calvinists ; or perhaps from the Hon. Mr. Scarlett, in which the very statement at issue is denied, and the language of the most emphatic denial communicated to you. Yet you have suppressed that document, and by that suppression you have banded the Protestants of this Empire in a course of falsehood and furious insult against their Catholic countrymen ; you have looked on quietly, while you saw the Catholics urged into unjust provocation by an unusual outcry against us, while at the same time you retained for eighteen months the very document which would cure the public rancor, and restore peace to your injured and insulted Catholic subjects. The document referred to is a letter you received August 29th, 1851, an extract of which is as follows :—

"The policy of the Tuscan Government could not permit foreigners to tamper with the religion of the native subjects of Tuscany, more especially at this time, as it is notorious that the *pretended conversions* to Protestantism were a MASK for carrying out political views which *were intended to sap the foundations of governments in Italy.*"

I shall not take away from the force of this extract by add-