

The notes in your book prove, beyond doubt, *i. e.* :—if you believe as you write, that you are plunged into an abyss that unless God speedily plucks you out, your eternal misery is to be expected, as it is quite apparent you are living in perverse error; and may he who died on the cross for you and I, and for every creature, save us and every soul from the dreadful sentence of “depart ye cursed into everlasting fire, &c. &c.” Since I read that abominable Book, I have got no peace of mind night nor day. Oh that I had never seen it, and I repeat if your heart is equal to your writings, of all the renegades I ever heard or read of, you outstrip them all. Why you out-Luther Luther himself. I tell you, you are not a common madman, but the maddest of the mad. Gracious God? did I ever think it was my fate to be instrumental in bringing into the world such a son. When has an individual but yourself of your family on any side done like you, as you say four-fifths of the Irish nation are ignorant, and the same number are idiots. Oh, what a pity that Ireland had but one Solomon, and that he did not remain among them to teach them some of his superhuman wisdom.

You say you can from personal knowledge bear testimony to facts proving beyond doubts as long as protestant ascendancy was so rampant and intolerable, especially in Ireland, the mass of the Roman Catholics being left no leisure to look into the abuses of their church and Priesthood, followed implicitly the dicta of those Priests and vented their hatred against the persecuting Protestant; and reflecting and honourable men among their party, though fully aware of the inefficacy and deteriorating tendency of that superstition, yet scorned openly to forsake a sect which was the object of such atrocious persecution—the examples too, of those interested persons justly known by the opprobrious name of renegade; who, bought by the gold of their enemies, forsook the communion of their fathers, and unnaturally became the firebrands of persecution, &c. These and other circumstances, deterred men of real worth from forsaking their people when they knew it would be attended with no good to the body, and that they would be held up to public odium and contempt, and that their principles would be denounced as interested and disreputable. I know these to be facts, for this good reason, that I was a participator—an humble