

exists, there also *must exist* disaffection—that the very doctrine of the “*Papal supremacy*,” and the rigour with which that doctrine *must be enforced*, according to the *genius* of Romanism, is calculated to strike at the very root of *Sovereignty* itself, and to render the monarch a mere *nominal* occupant of the throne, denominated, perhaps, by them, *through policy*, the “*head of the constitution*,” but in *reality as powerless as the meanest of her subjects*.

Such is Romish doctrine, and such the effects of Romish government! But it may be said that there are some Papists who are good and loyal subjects; and perhaps to be found in that assemblage before me to-day doing honour to their Queen. If there are, there will be found none more ready and forward than myself to congratulate them in the discharge of so high and exemplary a duty; simply because if I find them so acting, I have then some hopes that they are being led to see the *apostacy* of their creed and to renounce the superstitious mummeries in which they have been practised. And if the errors in which Papists have been so blindly trained were more boldly and carefully explained on such occasions as the present, I doubt not but that many would forsake their modern and un-scriptural tenets and morose, bigoted, and almost *heathenish* practices; and endeavour to serve the *One* living and true God, as alone worthy of adoration; as well as to pay faithful allegiance to the earthly monarch.

But, my Brethren, to conclude. Let me congratulate you this day on your goodly numbers, and your praiseworthy deportment. What sight is, or can be, more lovely and attractive than a throng of Christians, assembled together to hail the birth-day of their Sovereign by a *religious* service—to bend the knee in humility “before Jehovah’s awful throne;” to ask Him to spare our beloved Queen—“long to reign over us”—to thank Him for having caused the true light of the gospel to shine in our land, dispelling the clouds of Papal darkness from our hearts and understandings.

As *true and faithful subjects* we protest against Romish apostacy; and though our forefathers have bequeathed to us the legacy of a sound faith; let us not think that it was *exclusively*