

No one will admit such a ridiculous pretension that the obligations of these Gentlemen to provide for the *Moral and religious instruction* of the Indians, brings with it, that of providing for their temporal wants, that of procuring for them every thing they might require, and to keep them in their idleness. It is also ridiculous to pretend in the face of the titles above mentioned that the Indians have the right to devastate their forests, to take possession of the seigniorial domain, and to exercise the right of ownership on any part of the Seignioriy without taking into consideration the right of property of the Gentlemen of the Seminary; what would have been the use of their deeds of concession, made to them by the king of France, giving them the absolute ownership of the property with all the rights and privileges attached to such concessions, if the Indians had such rights of ownership as above spoken of?

Now, in the face of these facts, can any just and impartial man make of this Oka difficulty a question of religion? It is impossible. The whole case stands thus:—on the one side a series of lawless acts of defiance, encroachment and usurpation; on the other mere self defense conducted with forbearance and moderation through the legal tribunals of the country

Which side merits the approval of justice and religion?

No privilege has been withdrawn from, no kindness has been refused to any Indian on account of his change of religion; Where then is the persecution so loudly complained of?

In what have the rights of humanity been violated?

Let not the golden rule of our common christianity, "do as you would be done by," be broken in open day, and by the teachers of religion!!

The zealous and perhaps benevolent advocates of the Indians are respectfully invited to make the case of the Seminary their own:

Let a catholic priest seize upon a lot of their ground, and there build a church for his followers, without even asking leave, and with the avowed object of creating a right of ownership! what would these benevolent advocates of the Indians say? What would they do?