

In this province, marriages by your Priests, are as valid and good as those performed by Protestant Clergymen.

Is this like Ireland ?

4. In Ireland, you were not, by law, allowed to settle your property on Catholic Schools or Churches, or for any Catholic purposes ; you could not vote at vestries, though you were obliged to pay the assessments made by them ; and above all you were compelled to pay tithes, which went to the support of a Protestant Clergy.

Here, the Catholics may give any land or property to their Churches or Schools, as freely as they could have done when the Country was governed by a Catholic King :—An act was passed by the Provincial Legislature a few years ago, for the express purpose of making it more easy, both for Catholics and Protestants, to endow Elementary Schools in the Parishes, either with money or land ; and as to Tithes, your Clergy have the right, by a law made in the British Parliament, in 1774, to exact their Tithes and Dues from their Parishioners. But the Protestant Clergy cannot receive Tithes ; they are obliged to be supported by the money of the British Government, or by charitable religious Societies ; and finally, your Bishop receives from that same Government a salary of £1000 per annum.

Is all or any of this like Ireland ?

Answer me like true hearted Irishmen ; do these facts, which cannot be denied, look like a design on the part of Government to injure your religion, or to oppress you because of it ? And whatever may have been your condition in Ireland as to religious disabilities, can you deny that you stand here on a level with your Protestant brethren ? Or can you as Irishmen, as men possessing a spark of generosity, good feeling or gratitude, refuse to give the Government credit and support for its justice and liberality ?