

much occupied to permit of his applying himself to draw out from the work the erroneous propositions to be incriminated. This Padre Ortiz undertook to do; and he had his notes ready by Lent. From September to Lent drawing out the bad propositions in one book! In Rome the mills grind slow, even those of the *Dii minores*.

Padre Diaz for some days delayed the commencement of the suit, alleging his occupations. Meanwhile going to visit Padre Caneda in an illness, he met with a certain Monsignore Emanuel, governor of the well-known establishment of St. Giacomo de Spagnoli, and one of the formidable Court of the Rota. Upon him set Padre Diaz spitefully, alleging that he had harboured one of his friars who had got himself ordained bishop by the Greek patriarch.¹ Padre Caneda sought to appease him, and fearing they might come to action, at last told Padre Diaz to be gone. "I am not," cried Diaz, "a man to be turned out; and never shall I come back!" He knew that Ortiz was an intimate friend of Caneda; hence he took a grudge against him as well as the other. Not knowing this, Ortiz continued urging Diaz to proceed with the accusation, but all in vain.

At length Ortiz said, At least give me back Elizalde's book, and also my notes upon it. The book he did return, but the manuscript had been mislaid among his papers, and never could Ortiz get it from him. So he made a fresh copy, and proceeded before the tribunal of the Holy Office.

No sooner was the suit opened than Padre Diaz went to the General, showed him the manuscript of Ortiz, and told all he could in prejudice of him and Padre Caneda. He offered himself to defend the case, and boasted of his influence with members of the court. The General and other Padres named were to collect evidence favourable to Elizalde, but above all Ortiz and Caneda were to be sent away from Rome.² On the festival of the New Year, the General sent for

¹ So I read *Patriarca Reco* in our document. The editors place after *Reco* a note of interrogation. Cases of similar ordination are not unknown even in our own times.

² The document reads *era necessario mandar a Roma li P.P. Caneda et Ortiz*. I take it for granted that the *a* is a misprint for *da*, or else a fault of the MS.

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