

had contracted with the Roman banks. These facts, which are undeniable, will prove the contrary of your assertion, and that of his Eminence the Cardinal Simeoni. The Propaganda can, at a moment's notice, dispose of her capital if her needs require it.

On the other hand, Mr. Wells, I can assure you that, till the present moment, the Italian Government has not held any inquest or any examination, or exercised any control of the nature of the wants of the Propaganda, nor of the disposal of the capitals, she asks to alienate, and I am sure—or at least I hope—that even in the future the government will enforce the same rule, so that the Propaganda will always have the means of borrowing the needed money from some bank or other establishment of credit, being quite sure of the authorization of the government for the sale of the rent certificates.

Here is the truth, and as you have thrown at the magistracy, at the government, at the Italian nation, a dictionary of insults, allow me, in the presence of your own countrymen, to ask you, if in so doing you were acting in good or bad faith. If you were sincere, I will take the opportunity of giving you some good advice,—never for the future speak upon any subject before you have studied it. I flatter myself that the following list of thirty-seven different demands made by the Propaganda and granted by the government, will serve to enlighten the Canadian Catholics, for whom more especially I write these lines, as I have so often repeated.

If, on the contrary, which I will not believe or suppose, you were acting in bad faith, wishing only to persuade