

should put this house up at auction. Let us suppose also that this house should have been estimated at a value of a thousand Dollars, and that sold at auction by the government, it should realize the sum of one thousand five hundred Dollars, for which sum the government would give him so many certificates of rent.

Friends, do you believe that this man would go every where crying that he had been robbed and disposed of? And if he did act in such a manner, would you not consider him a fool?

With the difference of the proportion, this is just what has happened with the Propaganda's estates. It may be that you will question my assertion—nevertheless, it is right. Facts are needed, will you also reject them? I shall now cite them; and the professor is free to contradict me if he can.

The first estate put up to auction was the villa Mortalto, in Frascati. This house had been estimated at a value of 107,000 francs, or between twenty and twenty-two thousand dollars. It was sold for 327,000 francs, or about sixty-five thousand dollars. Friends, Canadians, if you had the chance to do such a good business, would you have the impudence to go about clamouring that he who had sold your house had robbed you? A little above I told you that the summons taken on the 6th of August, 1874, by the Propaganda's congregation was afterwards withdrawn. I told you that perhaps we would find the apparent motive or explanation for such a strange step. Well, then, do not guess it. The splendid advantage or profit obtained by the sale must have been the cause of the withdrawing of the summons. The rest of the ninety