

his children of Great Britain might take with a safe conscience," were drawn out and dictated by the Papal Government.—Here then, my Lord, we see as it were an adamant chain of motive and moral obligation, that hangs from the Papal throne, and that binds permanently the whole body of Secular Clergy from Metropolitan down to Curate—something like the imagination in Homer, of a chain let down from heaven, and holding all inferior deities, who, though beings of power and weight, are yet wheeled to every extremity of heaven by the swing of the omnipotent Jupiter!!

So far we have considered the Secular Clergy; but there is another very dangerous body in the land, one to which as yet sufficient attention has not been paid—nor has that body been once considered in any of the securities connected with what is called qualified emancipation—I called it particularly dangerous, for its Members are generally more select than Seculars, and more united; residing in the same house (in which is their library and club-room) and thus having more the character of conspirators, and illuminati!—They are called Regular Clergy—a name which embraces a vast number of orders, distinguished by various and picturesque names—and as the Pope might create new orders *ad libitum*, and send, too, by a word communicated through their General, whole corporations upon a mission into Ireland, there is no knowing what flights of these Reverend Gentlemen may one day come to perch or pounce upon us—Some of these, the Jesuits for instance, have been expelled from different European nations for self-preservation, but in this intolerant country there is no law against them—in fact the children of the Roman Catholic Aristocracy, are this moment chiefly educated, at the two large establishments of Clongowes and Stonyhurst, by Jesuits!!—here then they may settle and emigrate, my Lord, in numbers unlimited; indeed various orders, Jesuits, Dominicans, Carmelites, &c. are settled, and seem to be gradually creeping into the country, building and purchasing, as we see, in many places—with what fund no man can tell!—it is a curious matter, and one that is veiled in a mysterious obscurity.

All these Regulars, of course, are properly secured. By their obligations of celibacy, and vow of individual poverty, they are freed from all strong ties of interest or sympathy with the country they inhabit—and then comes in, as usual, the vow of obedience—of unqualified obedience—to their general! This general, or head of the order, is thus, you see, a man of weight, and deserves the attention of "the See"; and accordingly it is not inattentive to him: he is appointed by the Pope—is himself sworn to obedience—he is bound to reside at Rome under the eye of the Roman court—there his letters are sent—and if he evince a holy zeal for the exaltation of the Church, and eradication of heresy, they know how to honor and reward him—or if suspected of trea-