

fraud the customs. I have two volumes of Gury here on my table, and I am ready to swear that Gury teaches nothing of the kind. On the contrary, he teaches the very reverse. Here is the principle he lays down: *Leges quoe Versantur circa tributa, generatim spectatoe non sunt mere penales, sed obligant in conscientia, etc.*, quoting Matth. 22:21, "Give to Cæsar," etc. The boys of the collegiate will translate the above for Mr. Austin. They mean that "Custom laws oblige in conscience, not as mere penal laws," because deemed necessary for the protection of trade or the revenues of the country. (*De Restitutione ob fraudationem in tributis*, page 329.) However, Gury says that he would not condemn a poor man who lived on the borders and brought over a small quantity. Would Mr. Austin condemn him? Did Mr. Austin, or any of his friends, ever bring over a gold pin or a watch from Detroit, and say nothing about it to the custom house officers? Is it generally considered a very grievous sin? Mr. Austin believes that such trifles are not sinful when perpetrated by an ordinary man—a Methodist preacher for instance—but it would be a horrible crime for any Jesuit to attempt such open violation of the laws of our country.

In my last letter I quoted a passage from Lord Macauley, in testimony of the self-sacrificing spirit of the Jesuit Fathers. Mr. Austin offsets this by asking why did I not quote all the rest of Macauley? How could I do it? It would require volumes. Macauley is a Protestant author and opposed to the Jesuits. Any passages by him against the Jesuits are to be expected. What I quoted from him tells very much in their favor as being an admission from the enemy, and cannot be offset by the rest of his book, which is avowedly written to their prejudice. Mr. Austin, however, will make no admission. In his base ingratitude he will give no credit to the Jesuit Fathers for all their stupendous works, and their wonderful success in introducing the gospel to the dusky denizens of every savage country under the sun. He will not credit them with having converted the Huron and fierce Iroquois, with having taught the Paraguayan of South America, and the Sioux and Grosventres of the Rockies, how to be self-reliant and virtuous. He can say nothing of them but what is base and cruel and utterly false.

It is to me inconceivable how men living in the midst of social luxuries, surrounded with dainties and all the allurements of perfume and music and women's society, can have the audacity to sit in judgment on the great and saintly characters of the Jesuit Order, who are starving with the fishermen on the coasts of Labrador, or exposing themselves