

race and speech, of every shade of religious opinion, will be present on that momentous occasion to offer the tribute of their loyalty and the assurance of their affection to the newly-crowned monarch. And from the lips of the sovereign shall come no word of reproach or rebuke for the followers of Buddha and Brahma, for the worshippers of Vishnu and Siva, for the Kaffirs or the Bushmen, the Hottentots, the Zulus or the disciples of Mahomet. There shall be nothing but kindness and conciliation for Jew and Gentile, for Anglican and Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian. For one class alone of British subjects will there be reserved scorn and contempt, insult and outrage. The twelve millions of Roman Catholics in the British empire will have the sad privilege of knowing that, in the presence of God and before the wide world, their king solemnly pronounced their religious beliefs to be idolatrous and superstitious. It will not matter that these shameful words are uttered in the presence of forty-nine Catholic Lords, of fifty-five Catholic Baronets, of nineteen Catholic Privy Counsellors, and of seventy-two Catholic members of the House of Commons. Ready, as they would be, to swear fealty and pledge allegiance, prepared to draw their swords if need be, and never to sheathe them so long as their services were required by the sovereign, is it surprising if the ardor of their patriotism should be somewhat cooled and the affection of their loyalty rather shocked, as they heard, one by one, the distinctive doctrines of their religion declared by the supreme civil ruler to be idolatrous and superstitious?

The Catholic Duke of Norfolk, Postmaster-General of Great Britain and Earl Marshal of the Empire, upon whom devolves the duty of making all preparations for coronation, would receive his reward in the assurance that Transubstantiation, in which he believes, is an abomination. The Catholic Marquis of Ripon, who for years ruled with signal success Her Majesty's Indian empire, would be told that his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary and his invocation of the saints were superstitious. The Catholic Lord Cromer, whose brilliant diplomatic ability and keen foresight prepared the way for the re-conquest of the Soudan, must not wince or move a muscle as he heard that the Sacrifice of the Mass was idolatry. And the Catholic Lord Chief Justice