

thousand Jews residing there, and possessing (as I am instructed to say) about two-thirds of the landed property of that district; and that there is not even one instance on record where any Protestant, Methodist, Presbyterian, Jew, or any member of any religion whatever, has ever been prevented from worshipping God as they may think proper in their own houses of worship, and in their own families? But, my Lord, I have the authority of the Hon. Mr. Scarlett, your official servant at Florence, in a letter written to yourself on the same subject, nearly two years ago—viz., on the 22d August, 1851—as follows:—

*"I have been made aware by the Duke of Casigliano that all foreigners professing a different religion from that of the Roman Catholic, were always permitted in Tuscany as much freedom of conscience as they pleased in regard to themselves."*

Here, my Lord, we have a clear statement made to yourself nearly two years ago, giving an authentic account of the point at issue; and yet you have, in the midst of the public misrepresentation of this country, kept the above correspondence from the public eye—suppressed the clear known truth at the very source of official information; and thus, sir, I impeach you before the whole world of the greatest crime a public officer can commit—namely, cushioning a public document, and thereby encouraging, and being a principal party to the slander, the censure, and the calumny, which, during eight months of unprecedented bigotry in public meetings and acrimonious journalism, has been flung (through your culpable connivance) on the temporal laws of an unoffending state, and on the tenets of a Church which even your own official organ has been compelled to vindicate in the letter just quoted; and this statement will, I trust, fully prove my second point—or lie the second.

Thirdly, the public report has everywhere declared in this country that the Madiat have been condemned for "reading the Bible." To this statement is opposed the fact that Rosa Madiat had been a Protestant since 1847; that she attended the worship of that Church, and had never been disturbed in reading the Bible, no more than all those other religions—