

was clearly proved before the House of Commons in 1835 by the revelations of Col. Fairman, and by the strongest documentary and other evidence. This treasonable combination was so enormous in its guilt that many of the Orangemen would have been brought to the gallows, but they escaped when it was discovered that some of the highest persons in the kingdom were deeply involved. Orangism was however put down by a Protestant Government, and the Orangemen of Ireland were called a set of "scoundrels". Sir Robert Peel himself, the great champion of the people of the Times.

*The Catholic is taught to believe that the priest has not only authority to hear Confession, but likewise power to absolve him from sin either conditionally or unconditionally.*

*False.* The Catholic is taught no such thing, nor does he believe that the priest or the Pope himself could absolve him from his sins unless on the condition of his being truly penitent for them, which penance includes a hatred and detestation of past sins, and a firm resolution of amendment for the future.

"We know that England has sought to render Justice to Ireland and been thwarted, and feel indignant at the charge of *English Guilt*."

*False.* The treatment of Ireland by England is unexampled in the history of persecution. The tyranny of England in Ireland has been constant, cruel, and sanguinary. Her penal laws against that country, (which are not yet practically relaxed) seem to have emanated rather from a council of demons, than from a Government calling itself Christian. "England sought to render Justice to Ireland!" The impudent assertion will be indignantly denied by the voices of millions of Irish exiles throughout the world. As for "English guilt" respecting the famine, we request the people of the Times to read the recent articles of its thundering namesake of Printing House Square, and also a recent letter addressed by the English Archbishop of Dublin to the Protestants of Ireland, and they will find that the Editors of the Cross are not singular in their opinions upon "English guilt." England has driven out millions of Irishmen from the land of their birth, and since the accursed Union she has degraded those who remained into a nation of beggars, and she now taunts her long-suffering victims with the consequences of her own villainy, just as she taunted the Irish people on account of their ignorance, after she had set the price of murderous proscription on the devoted heads of their schoolmasters and their Priests!

"Protestants are not prone to persecution."

*False.* Look to Geneva, to the Huguenots of France, to the reformers of Germany, to the bloody persecutions of England, to the early presbyterians of America and Scotland, and above all to the three centuries of confiscation, robbery banishment, torture and death in unhappy Ireland.

"The Cross means to threaten Protestants with Priestly vengeance."

*False;* and well known to be false. The only vengeance we ever contemplated was the vengeance of reason, argument and truth against their stupidity and calumny—the vengeance of that Free Press which has been so confidently appealed to by those who make the charge—legitimate vengeance which repels the shafts of calumny, and exposes to public contempt and opprobrium those hardened revilers, whose consciences are seared, and whom God's law cannot influence.

"Take down the Cross good people."

*Nonsense.* Because we are not ashamed of that sacred sign, and we know that we could not combat for Truth under a more appropriate Banner. We leave the 'taking down of the Cross' to the Englishmen, gentlemen and Christians of the Times, and to their 'Protestant people' at Fergusons Cove who to show the respect for the Emblem of Redemption and their Protestant independence of all spiritual authority, not only cut down the Cross on the Church there, in opposition to the earnest remonstrance of the Bishop, but when the sacred sign fell to the ground after having been hacked and hewn by their sacrilegious hands, rent the air with shouts of exultation not less savage and ferocious, than those which the ignorant Jews raised on Mount Calvary itself! Never speak of the Cross then, 'good Protestant people' or if you do, we will return your advice and

tell you to take down the large gilded Cross from the spire of the Chapel of Ease, for it has no business whatever there. A weathercock would suit much better.

"The Tax Book of the Holy Apostolic Chancery containing the prices of Absolution from various sins is an undoubted and authentic document."

*False as Hell.* No such document was ever undoubted or authentic. No such book was ever printed by any authority in the Catholic Church. No price for absolution from sin, or for leave to commit was ever fixed by the Catholic Church. The Court of the Roman Chancery has nothing whatsoever to do with the Pardon or the remission of sin, or the granting absolution from sin, or leave to commit sin. That any such permission was ever given by the Catholic Church is a *calculated calumny*. The "Tax Book" alluded to was an impudent forgery, condemned as such at Rome, and placed on the Index, and reprobated by every Catholic Divine, and admitted to be spurious by every candid scholar. The writer who parades it, only displays his own ignorance, and we are certain has copied the same from some ignorant Protestant like himself, without any examination. But Catholics are now so accustomed to those *modern forgeries* that they have ceased to excite surprise. Within the last few years we have seen an entire Bull, as if from the late Pope, composed, forged, and published by the Rev. Dr. Todd a fellow of Trinity College Dublin—we have seen Protestant feeling justly excited to a high pitch of indignation at the notorious contents of this supposed Bull; and when the imposture was unmasked by the Catholics, we have seen no apology from the author, but an actual defence of the trick publicly undertaken by a Protestant Minister, the notorious Parson McGhee, who qualified the *forged Bull*, by the mild epithet of *an ingenious device!!!* We could relate many other Protestant forgeries as well as the "Tax Book" and "Todd's Bull." But we will let them pass for the present, with many other Irish Protestant Bulls of genuine humour such as the sending over to Ireland a set of English Preachers to harangue the 'wild Irish' in a language of which they knew nothing, which Bull, according to the testimony of Dr. Heylin, a respectable Protestant Historian, was a strange inconsistency in those who accused the Church of Rome for preaching and giving service in unknown tongues!

"Catholics on entering their temples are either moved to merriment or bowed down with gloom."

*False in every respect.* The demeanour of Catholics in their temples, is marked neither by merriment, nor gloom. We are sure their conduct in the House of God can be favorably contrasted with that of any Protestant sect that ever existed. Catholics are not gloomy, either in or out of Church. They are properly filled with a reverential awe in presence of their creator in his own temple; but this profound reverence is tempered by a holy joy. They don't turn their *unmanly backs* on God's altar or minister, for they are gladdened by the sight of both. They don't play off any of the fanatical, improper, and sometimes blasphemous exhibitions which take place in Protestant Conventions, at public Baptisms, and Revivals: and Love Feasts, and Nocturnal Prayer Meetings, and Bunkum Conferences.—No, no; none of your screeching and bawling, and holy fainting fits, and hideous yells, and "hollers after the Saviour" no "running matches to seize on Christ" no mock revelations from hypocritical sinners, no humbug "accounts of the spiritual experiences of backsliders"—no crazy criminals "crying out what shall they do to be saved?"—no "revival spirits kiuding up" into madness—no fearful "relation of the Lord's dealing" with "young sprouts of grace," no, none of these, nor of the thousand other caricatures of true religion, and shocking familiarities with the Devil, are to be seen or heard in a Catholic Church. We appeal to all who have travelled in Catholic countries, whether the people are gloomy or not. Indeed the charge came with an ill grace from those gloomy fanatics who have destroyed the joyful nature of the very sabbath that was mercifully created for man and changed it into a day of gloom and sadness.

"We are not answerable for the errors of our founders."

Yes you are; since those founders undertook to establish a new religion, and to cry down the Church which Christ has founded