

the power of delegating the power of establishing the truth or falsity of these various regulations. I am however in the premises beyond the making known to me what I believe in regard to them.

Nevertheless, in the course of the lower Conference upon you to which my name is added by the unanimous action of the entire National Council of the Unit. Chr. Church, as to the nature of the said regulations of the Unit. Chr. Church to be adopted may bring before you the very substance of the said law, which can effectually set at rest the questions at issue. It will give me great pleasure to facilitate, in all my power, the objects for which you are united in purpose, in compliance with the request in your note of yesterday. I therefore suggest that you take means to procure copies of the following papers, included in volume 2<sup>d</sup> of "The Constitution of the National Council of the United States of North America" & the accompanying "Constitution of the Government of Subordinate Councils", "The Constitution of the Unit. Chr. Church adopted January 18<sup>th</sup> 1855", an address adopted in the State Council of Massachusetts, June 29<sup>th</sup> 1855; Resolves of the State Council of South Carolina, adopted at a meeting held at Charleston, Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> 1855. Copies of which papers I enclose, I have not at hand to lay before you. I have no doubt, however, the Committee will be able, if they desire it, to procure them.

I should most respectfully suggest that you summon before you the delegates from this State to the Convention said to have been held at the City of Cincinnati about the close of the year 1854, and also the delegates from this State to the National Council held at the City of Philadelphia in the month of June last.

This last body, whose proceedings are said to have been conducted in great secrecy, had adopted a platform of principles, the first of which I would respectfully offer you. I do so, because in the 8<sup>th</sup> Section of said publication, the policy of the Roman Catholic Church in this Country is denounced as aggressive, and an organized political resistance to those of the Catholic faith plainly indicated and encouraged; thus introducing "religious issues into the field of political agitation".

The 14<sup>th</sup> Section of this platform declares "that all the principles of the order shall be renounced, <sup>fully avowed</sup> and that all members shall be at liberty to make known the existence of the order & to reject that he himself is a member; and it recommends that there be no concealment of the place of meeting of subordinate Councils."

Now we have the most conclusive fact that to the date of the publication of this platform meeting connected with the order this matter of secrecy, as members bound to conceal its existence, and their connection therewith; & from the specific statement above quoted of what its members are now at liberty to reveal, the conclusion is inevitable that there is still left, that, which they do not allow to become a public matter.

I further suggest that you summon before you such persons of respectability as the you know to have been connected with the order, & also others who are now members of the same, & that you seek to have produced before you the secret & confidential & any other political order to which, be in the professed name of the Unit. Chr. Church, or of any