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THE JEW AND THE BARRISTER.

At the late Lancaster Assizes a cause was tried before Mr. Justice Bayley, between two Jews. In the course of the evidence, it appeared that the defendant had offered a quantity of bacon to the plaintiff to silence him and prevent the trial. To this the plaintiff refused to accede. A third Jew (Mr. Moses Samuel) was called, as a witness respecting the bacon transaction, and Mr. Serjeant Cross, tickled with the drollery of the circumstance of seeing three Jews by the ears about a fitch of bacon, amused the Court with some sarcastic remarks, at the expense of the witness, and the tribe of Israel in general. After the trial was over, the offended witness wrote to Mr. Serjeant Cross the following manly and indignant letter:

"TO MR SERJEANT CROSS.

" Sir—I was surprised at the manner in which you defended the cause wherein I was subpoenaed as witness. From the want of proof and honesty on the part of your client, you had recourse to ridicule the name of Jew ; and because the ease was accidentally connected with Bacon, so much despised by Jews, and so much admired by the children of the Cross, you thought it a fit opportunity of exposing this ludicrous medley, by verifying the Scriptures concerning our people "Thou shalt be a proverb and a bye-word amongst all the nations whither the Lord thy God shall lead thee." Deut.

You endeavoured to do away with my testimony on grounds - -which were sufficiently refuted by Mr. Williams, as there was not a contradictory word in my evidence. "

Permit me now, Mr. Cross, to give you some advice (without fee). For the future, do not play with the feelings of individuals disinterested in a cause, and reluctantly attending your Courts of Justice; and above all, do not let difference of opinion at religious topics serve you a triumphant pretext for displaying your sarcastic powers, but rather imitate the manner of your more generous brethren of the Cross, piously employed in disseminating Christian knowledge among us; and in other Jewish trials; instead of dwelling repeatedly on the name of Moses, and such like Scriptural names, merely to cause ridiculous bursts of laughter in Court, and thereby attempting to defeat the cause of truth and justice, be rather liberally inclined, consider us as the children of one God, the offspring of one beneficent Father, supported and protected by one Almighty Providence—as men gifted with the same intellectual powers as others, and morally entitled to the same rights—as men seeking justice by those laws to which they are amenable, and entitled to some respect from those expounders of the law whom they contribute to support.

"When a few centuries back our forefathers, exiled by barbarian fury, were led to seek a precarious abode in England; When the sword unsheathed and still reeking with blood, was suspended over our captive tribes, in the midst of those unmerited persecutions, to have been assailed with a torrent of mere ridicule would have elicited no complaint or murmur ; but now that we live in a more refined age, and thanks to Heaven! enjoy the blessing of toleration, in a free country, where the virtuous and enlightened Jew begins to be considered as a man and a fellow-citizen, the conduct of a Barrister in unnecessarily interweaving in his case ludicrous remarks upon those of a different denomination of religion, and treating with derision the name of a mighty though now scattered people, must be highly reprehensible.

Neither the Bar, nor the Gown, nor the Wig, nay, not even the mighty powers of eloquence which you presume to possess, can for a moment shield you, Mr. Cross, in the eyes of an enlightened world, from the censure which you deserve.

"Is it to be believed, that in these enlightened days, in an enlightened Court, where the enlightened Bayley presided, a Barrister, from the want of a better defence, should be suffered to pour forth such obloquy, and wound the feelings of a respectable witness, why, forsooth?, because—*he was a Jew!*" Yours,

"MOSES SAMUEL