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**PAPAL INFALLIBILITY.**  
 COUNCIL AND STATE.

*As a Christian, as a theologian, as one acquainted with history, and as a citizen, I can not accept this doctrine. Not as a Christian, because it is incompatible with the spirit of the Gospel, and the plain words of Christ and the apostles; its aim is positively to erect the kingdom of this world which Christ declined—such the dominion over the congregations which Peter prohibited to all and to himself. Not as a theologian, because the entire tradition of the church is irreconcilably opposed to it. Nor as a student of history can I accept this doctrine, because, as such, I know that the unceasing efforts to realize this theory of universal dominion in our Europe, torrents of blood, has distracted and ruined entire countries, has destroyed the beautiful organic constitution of the ancient church, and generated, nourished, and maintained in the church the most abominable abuses. In fact, as a citizen, I spurn that doctrine, because with its claims for rejection of sovereigns and states, and the whole political system under papal rule, and by its immolation it claims for the clergy, it lays the foundation for endless and ruinous strife between church and state, between the clergy and the laity.*

*For this fact I am and cannot be myself, that this doctrine, by the consequences of which the old German Empire perished, would also forthwith implant the seed of decay in the just erected new Empire.*

MANNING'S VON VALLERGER.

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