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here, will signal the deetruction of vestage of our civil liberty. The erection of the Catholic Univer-
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the Pope of Rome, is a subject of serious apprehension in the minds of a great many sober luinking yeople, but
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