

to let himself be deceived by the French. [125] Well and good; let him be deceived, since he wishes to be, but he will be the only one of his company, for no one desires to follow him; some vain hope urges him, for which we care nothing. They baptized me when I was sick unto death; as soon as my mind returned to me, I disavowed all that I had then said." Our Catechumen hearing this speech, became the more aroused; he went to Father Buteux, and related to him all that had taken place. "Let us go to the Chapel," he said to him, "I mean to make another public denunciation of this Apostate's insolence; but before undertaking it, I wish to commend the matter to our Lord." Having offered his prayer, he went toward the cabins, raised his voice, and cried with fiery zeal: "I have already told you many times that I intended to be baptized, I persevere in my resolution. Whoever has anything to say against me, let him hasten, for it is to-morrow that I shall be baptized; I was to be to-day, but, as the young men are absent, I am awaiting their return, so that they may learn by my example not to fear slanderous tongues, [126] when so holy an act is in question."

The next day, he came to present himself for holy Baptism, before receiving which, he made this address to those who were present: "Listen, young men! Perhaps, while you see me at the door of this Church, you are saying in your hearts, 'Here is one who is doing well; Pieskars is going to be a friend of the Frenchmen. He will be favorable to us, he will not lack beautiful robes, he will have provisions in abundance.' These perhaps are your thoughts; but you are mistaken. Know that Pieskars does not