

went to a father with these words: "I am sorry; I have displeased God. If I knew what must be done to appease him, I would appease him. Tell me, my father, what to do, for I am sad." The sorrow that oppressed his heart was apparent on his face. "Thou shouldst," said the father, "have knelt down as soon as thou didst recognize thy sin, and entreated God to pardon thee, through the love that he bears to his son who died for thee." "I did so," replied the good Neophyte; "but, alas! that is very little to appease the great Captain whom I have offended." As he said these words, [22] great tears fell from his eyes; the sighs and sobs issuing from his mouth prevented his speaking, and caused him to put off his Confession to the following day. He could say only these words: "I have offended God."

Another went much further; hear what Father Buteux says of it, who gave me this account: "This good man waited for me on his knees for a long half-hour after my Mass, and, seeing that I was about to go out, he stopped me, saying: 'I have offended God. I wish to make Confession.' He seemed to me quite carried away with grief. 'During the night,' he said, 'I remembered my sin; I arose, went to the woods, and cut branches from the trees, with which I beat and scourged myself until I was exhausted. I have a great desire to do so again, when I shall have made my Confession. Thou shalt tell me what must be done to make amends to God, and to appease him.' I heard his Confession," said the Father; "he was affected to tears. I gave him a penance three times as severe as I would have given to a Frenchman for the same offense. 'Is that all,' he said, 'that thou dost appoint to me for