

or in particular. You cannot visit the chapel without finding some Indian at prayer with so much devotion that it is a ravishing sight. If any one is found who belies his faith or Christian morals, he withdraws into self exile, well aware that, willing or unwilling, he must do penance or be shamefully expelled from the town. Some days ago a young man had a disagreement with his wife; they were brought before the chiefs, who condemned the man to be put in irons in a cellar of the fort, there to fast three days on bread and water; and the woman was condemned to the same punishment, which was executed in our monastery. These poor people performed their penance with so much devotion, that I believe their fault was remitted the moment the sentence was pronounced. The woman would not have even a handful of straw under her; 'for, said she, 'I wish to pay God, whom I have offended.'"