

pretended to be dying, and had her coffin by her side: this contrivance removed all suspicion from her: so that it was only what was found in the house where Mr. Cornay lived that was seized. They were brought to the Colonel, not however without some of them having been subtracted by those who made the seizure. The Colonel in his turn applied some to his own use, and before they reached the Provincial Government, their number was still more diminished. It would seem that the Intendant of justice, in order to simplify the catalogue which he had drawn up, fortunately committed to the flames all my papers: as they contained lists of the Missionaries and Christians, though in European characters, I was not a little uneasy about them. The effects deposited with the Government are reduced, it is said, to two loads; as they consist principally of books, it is probable that not knowing what to do with these outlandish wares, they will be committed to the flames. Our destitution is extreme; we have lost even the mould for making hosts, our stock of wine for Mass, and almost all our wax; the wheat intended for the communion bread was also near being pillaged.

The Colonel, who was determined to treat Mr. Cornay as an important prisoner of State, had ordered on the preceding evening a cage to be constructed, which was ready by eight the next morning. "My cangue was then removed," says the Missionary, "and I entered the cage, to be put up like a wolf, and left to the mercy of every one. I soon discovered, however, that the cage was preferable to the cangue, which I had already begun to feel heavy on my shoulders: in the cage at least I might stretch myself and move a little

without having a load upon me; I was besides protected from being struck by every one who passed by, and was treated less harshly by my keepers, when they saw me thus secured.

"In the mean time, the effects which had been seized, were examined by the officers, not indeed with all the delicacy of a sacristan; but at my request they allowed me to keep six volumes which happened to be near me. Being asked what use I intended to make of them, I answered that they were prayer books, and that I would use them to pray to God in their favor: this answer pleased them a good deal. The Colonel allowed me also to retain a crucifix, and having asked me what I intended to do with it, I replied, 'It is to honour it, and to implore of him whom it represents, the strength I at present need.' I then took up the book of the Gospels, and explained that part of the Passion where it is said, that our Redeemer appeared before Pilate; afterwards opening the Following of Christ, I explained that passage which I happened to light upon, and which says, 'If you fly to the wounds of Jesus, you will feel great strength in tribulation, you will set no value upon the esteem of men, and you will easily bear their evil speaking.' I made every exertion to make an impression on their minds, and by repeating whatever I said inaccurately, I succeeded in making myself understood.

"The cage in which I was put was only temporary; it was made of bamboos, the four angles alone being of wood. Though I thought it light, eight men were scarcely able to carry it. As the roads were not sufficiently wide to admit it to pass, we were frequently obliged to turn aside into the open fields, and widen the passages between the