

“The day consists in general of seven hours labor and two hours prayer, but there are four or five hours of prayer on Sundays and feast days... the moment the Indian is baptized, the effect is the same as if he had pronounced a vow for life. If he escapes to reside with his relations in the independent villages, he is summoned three times to return; if he refuses, the missionaries apply to the governor, who sends soldiers to seize him in the midst of his family and conduct him to the mission, where he is condemned to receive a certain number of lashes with the whip.”

-From the journal of Jean-François de Galaup de la Pérouse, 1785-1788