

Dänisch-Hallesche Mission

A Brief Account Of The Measures Taken In Denmark, For The Conversion of the Heathen in the East-Indies: And Of The College or Incorporated Society, ...

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A Letter From the College or Society at Copenhagen, for Propagating the Gospel in the East-Indies, to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge at London.

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L E T T E R

From the College or Society at *Copenhagen*, for Propagating the Gospel in the *East-Indies*, to the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge at *London*.

Honourable and Reverend Sirs,



H E *British* Nation has been ever famous for the many and signal Expressions of their Care for the Propagating of Christianity.

And your Society in particular at *London*, has in a short Space of Time given as many Proofs of their Zeal in this Matter, as many Ages before can scarce parallel. Your constant Application to the

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the Service of Foreigners, shews that you seek not your own Advantage, but that of others; and that it is not the Honour of the Nation, but the Glory of GOD, which you pursue.

We forbear, most Worthy Sirs, to relate in Writing, what our Mr. *Plutscho* has frequently made honourable mention of concerning your good Inclinations towards the *Indians* under the *Danish* Government at *Tranquebar*.

The single Instance of your having presented a Printing Press, with a Font of *Portuguese* Types, to the *Malabarians*, will make the Remembrance of your Concern for them as lasting as the Books themselves published from thence.

His *Danish* Majesty has received a singular Satisfaction from this, which He has been graciously pleased to declare, both in Publick and Private; and all good Men, who have a regard to the Salvation of Mankind, thought they had a seasonable Opportunity given them of adoring with Him the signal Providence of our gracious God.

We are obliged in Duty to testify to you this great Goodness of our August Sovereign, and this Joy of all good Men. His Majesty has been pleased to erect a particular College, to which He has

has committed the whole Care of Establishing and Carrying on the Mission already set on Foot among the *Indians*; And we whose Names are underwritten, being appointed Members of this College, cannot forget that it is the first Part of our Office, to publish this Royal Institution to the World, and most earnestly to invite all, who have a hearty Concern for the Salvation of the Heathen, to join with us in Promoting the same.

This has been done by two Pamphlets lately published, in the *Danish* and *German* Languages. The last of which, we have sent to the Reverend Mr. *Boehm*, a Person very zealous for the Conversion of Unbelievers, that a Translation thereof may be offered to your Society for their Perusal.

And that which we publish'd to every Body, we were particularly induced to impart to you, Gentlemen, both, by the nearness of our Design, and by that singular Affection we have observed in you to the *Danish* Mission.

You your Selves did freely undertake this Business, you freely carried it on, and we question not, but you will with the same freedom proceed in it; being persuaded, that all Thanks that are due to you, as well as all further Intreaties, will upon that Account be needless and superfluous.

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We only add thus much, that whatever Encouragement shall be given to this Design, either by your Assistance or Counsel, shall be thankfully acknowledged, and both, with Industry and Circumspection applied to that end.

That we may therefore with our united Powers prosecute this good Work, dedicated to the Honour of Almighty GOD, and the Service of Men, we desire to maintain a friendly Correspondence with you by Letters, that whatever is transacted on either side in this Affair, may be mutually communicated.

G O D grant, that all our Consultations may tend to the Glory of His Name, and the Salvation of many; May the same Divine Grace preserve you in particular, that you may be able to carry on effectually your pious Designs, and that the Fruits of your Labours may grow continually. We conclude with this Wish, being with the utmost respect to so many worthy Persons of the *English* Nation,

Gentlemen,

Your most humble Servants,

Copenhagen,

March 7.

1715.

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