

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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to the COLLEGE, or Incorporated So-
ciety, lately by Him established for
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I.



H A T all the Counsellors,
Bishops, Divines, and Gen-
tlemen, named for that Pur-
pose, be Assessors or Mem-
bers of this College or In-
corporated Society, and that
full Liberty be allowed to every one to ex-
press his Mind freely, in such Things as shall
fall under their Debate: But if any Diffe-
rence arise, that then the Votes of the re-
spective Members or Assessors be collected,
and the Majority of them be conclusive.

II. That one of our Privy-Council, whom
we shall name for this Purpose, be President
of the said College, having full Power to
summon

summon the several Members upon any Emergency; and that one of the Members be made Secretary, to take the Minutes of their Proceedings, and to manage the Correspondence with other Persons.

III. Every Member is to think it his Duty, after hearty Prayers put up for that Purpose, to lay to Heart a Work of so great Concern, and to employ what Gifts Providence hath bestowed upon him for advancing so Christian a Design, *viz.* That the Gospel of Christ be preached to the *Gentiles*, and thereby many Souls be brought over to *Jesus Christ*; and particularly that the Mission designed by US for that Purpose, be supported, furthered, and facilitated.

IV. You are to make it your particular Care, to assist the Missionaries already employed in this Work, *viz.* to afford them useful Instructions, to correct in them what is amiss, to encourage them in the Pursuit of the Work, to contrive Ways for their timely Supply, that they may cheerfully prosecute so good a Design, and readily attend the Function they are engag'd in.

V. You ought seriously to consider of procuring more Labourers to be sent on the same Errand, after they have been sufficiently tried and found duly qualified for that Work, and fit to succeed the Missionaries, if need be, in so weighty a Station.

VI.

VI. You ought to consider what Methods may be taken with the Heathen, even after they have embraced the Christian Religion, thereby to promote their Spiritual and Temporal Interest: *viz.* How they and their Children (besides the Knowledge of the Principles of Christianity,) may be instructed in other useful Arts and Sciences, and how also they may be employ'd, according to their respective Dispositions and Capacities.

VII. You are to draw up, and to lay before US, certain Instructions for regulating the Conduct of the Governour and Council at *Tranquebar*, with regard to the Mission. You are also to confer with the Directors of the *East-India* Company here; in order to have such Obstacles timely removed, as have hitherto obstructed the Work.

VIII. You are intrusted by US, with a full and unlimited Power to transact, manage, and determine all such Things as relate to the Mission, independently of any other of our Courts of Justice; provided you do every thing in the Presence of G O D, according to the Dictates of your Consciences, and the Tenor of your Allegiance to US. You are only required to lay a faithful Account of such Things before US as have been dispatch'd, and of such remarkable Occurrences as shall come to your Knowledge.

IX. If you should meet with any unexpected Difficulty or Obstruction, which you are not able to remove; or if any new additional Work were to be raised and regulated, you are then to lay it before US, acquainting US at the same Time, with such Methods as you shall think proper on this Head. And WE shall not be wanting on Our Part, to support you with Our Assistance and Protection, in such Things as shall tend to the Furtherance of so Christian and worthy an Undertaking, &c.

FREDERICK R.



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