

Dänisch-Hallesche Mission

Propagation of the Gospel in the East

Propagation of the Gospel in the East: Being a Farther Account of the Success Of The Danish Missionaries, Sent to the East-Indies, For The Conversion Of The Heathens in Malabar

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The Second Question.

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A *Of the Inhabitants of the Coast.*

Pagodes. The Inhabitants maintain themselves by their handy-work in serving the City.

The Names of the six remaining Places are: *Pommeampoettei, Killinschimedu, Kalinkaráipoettei, Singnurpoettei, Akkamenpoettei, and Ellamenpoettei*; all which are but small Villages, crouded by Fishers, and other Men that follow the like sort of Business. Few of the white *Europeans* know the Names of these sundry Towns and Villages, which is the Reason they frequently give them quite other Names, according as their Fancy leads them. In those *fifteen* Towns or Villages, and likewise in many others farther up into the Country, I constantly use to preach the Gospel, going from Place to Place, till I come quite round; and having finished this Excursion, I begin again with the *first*.

The Second Question.

Is the Sea-Coast below and above Ceylon inhabited by Europeans? And have these any Communication with the Danish Colony?

Answer. The Sea-Coast below Ceylon is all along inhabited, partly by the *Dutch, French* and *English*, and partly by the *Portuguese*; these having formerly been possessed, not only of the Island of Ceylon it self, but also of almost all the Sea-Coast above it: However, when the *Dutch* began to grow formidable on this Coast, they left but very little in the Hands of the Portuguese.

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Of the Indian Kings.

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The manner of settling upon this Coast is thus: About *six, seven, eight, nine* or *ten* Leagues distance, there is either a Fort, Town, or Village inhabited by *Europeans*; from whence they can enlarge their Trade and Commerce, and advance it to the furthestmost Parts of the Island; and this by the Help and Influence of their *Malabarick* Servants, and by virtue of the Bargain every Sea-Port Town of the *Europeans* has struck up with the neighbouring Heathen Kings.

The *Danes* had formerly many Settlements, as well upon this Sea-Coast, as in divers other Places in the *East-Indies*; when now they have only some in *Benjalen*, and upon the *Pepper-Coast* as they call it: yet they may Sail and Traffick freely throughout all *India*, and *Persia*, and where-ever they please, they being every where admitted by the Heathen Kings, as well as by the *Europeans*; but their Lading runs for the most part upon Merchandises they purchase from the *Moorish* Merchants. Thus have both the *Indians* and *Europeans* some Communication with the *Danish* Colony.

The Third Question.

How far reacheth the Territory of the Indian King who borders upon the Colony? Which is the Place of his Residence? What Power has he? What other Kings are there in this great Peninsula belonging to the Jurisdiction of the great Mogol? Are they Sovereigns or Vassals, &c?

Answer. The King who reigneth here upon the Coast of *Coromandel*, has but a small Ter-