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I had also some letters by this Vessel from my friends at Madras.
Praised be God for all his mercies.

Monday January 7. Isaac's Wife died. She was once a good Woman. But when she came to be tried first by Prosperity, and then by Adversity, she became intolerable to every Body. Her Prosperity, which she enjoyed, when her little daughter was engaged to be married to an able Young Man, of Vepery Church, who was kept by his pious Master as his own Child, made her intolerably haughty and proud: her Adversity, which she suffered, when, with her daughter, she lost all those Advantages, she already enjoyed, & had reason to promise herself made her desperate, passionate, negligent, mischievous, beavailed it, ~~of them that were around her, and denied them, to pray for her.~~ and begged Pardon; At her Burial in the Even everyone seemed much affected. Another Rice Vessel arrived at which in this unheard of Scarcity we cannot be indifferent. A Heathen, by putting some questions to me about the life after death, gave me an Opportunity to instruct him &

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him & others in this particular. He accepted of a Malabar
Treatise.

Wednesd^y Jan^y 23. A Gentleman arriving from Madras in a
Boat, brought with him for me four Bags of Rice and
two of Wheat, a Present of the Rev^d M^r. Liemer at
Calcutta.

Friday February 1th 1762. Pragasam, a Christian, whom seven
Years ago, when he was in Distress, lent eight Pagodas,
has got an high Office at Tanjore, In his Passage
thro Cuddalore I reminded him of the Duty of paying
our Debts, when we are able; but he repeated only
his wicked Excuses and lying Promises, and his behavior
was so insolent, that I was deeply affected by it.

Such Christians, what a Plague! May God bring
^{them}
to a Sense of their Duty.

Sunday Febr^y 3. Had great Trouble with the portuguez
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