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Reader of Pulicat, whom with his Wife & Children I have
cloathed & fed ever since the Month of Novemb^r in hopes
of making him a useful Man, by keeping him from
Starving. But he is the most corrupt Creature I
ever saw. O my God ease me a little of my Burden by
placing some good people around me, and by giving
me Understanding, Steadiness and Firmness to
manage the bad!

Wednesday Febr. 6. In expounding Mark Ch: the 10th
at Even^g prayer. I explained the Advice given
to the rich Youth by Christ, by some of my conference,
I have formerly and lately had with Heathens.
Sir! have many said, I do not commit adultery &cet:
19-20, what must I do more to escape Hell & obtain
Heaven: I have approved of their keeping the command-
ments thus far, and have told them, that without

having done, or after a Repentance of their former Negligence
& wickedness doing now thus much, they would be wholly
unfit for the Kingdom of God, but that to escape Hell,
and Obtain Heaven, they must have such a Sense of
their Sins, Negligences and Ignorances, their Weakness,
Wants and Guilt, as may make them heartily desirous of
the knowledge of the Attonement of Christ, heartily
desirous, of the Assurance, that they have a Share in it,
and the Assistance of the Spirit of God, heartily desirous
of an Acquaintance with all Christ's Doctrine, heartily
desirous of being Made Members of his Church, Partakers
of his Baptism, Professors of his Religion, followers of his
Precepts, Abjurers of Heathenism. And that they
must break thro' all Difficulties to become all this
and to obtain all these Blessings. Then they have
said: But, Sir, what will then become of my Possession

my Rights, Inheritance, Office, Honour, Name, Reputation
&c. They will all be seized upon, seized upon by my very relations,
and my lot will be Poverty, Shame, Reproach, Exile, &c.
Then I have answered again: If you know for certain,
that this will be the case, then I can give you no other Advice
but what Jesus gave to a rich Young Man, saying: If thou
wilt Obtain heaven: go thy Way, sell whatsoever thou hast,
and give ^{it} to the poor; and thou shalt have Treasure in
Heaven: and come take up thy Cross, and follow me, Jesus
knew what would be the Consequence of this Young Man's
turning his Disciple, and, that, if he himself resolutely
seized upon his Possessions for the Poor, his good Resolutions
would not suffer a fatal Shock afterwards, when others
should do it. If a Man turning Christian has any hopes
of escaping the Loss of all he has, he may safely keep it,
provided he takes up his Cross, and followeth Christ with ^a

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a Resolution to abide with him and Confess him, whatever the
Consequence may be at any future time, from a firm faith in
Christ's promise 429, 30 The Obtaining of such a faith is impossible
with Man, but not with God, with whom all things are
possible. ~

Mon^d^y Febr^y 11. A Report prevaileth, that Hyder Ally means to
evacuate the Carnatick, In the Evening a publick letter
arrived from Madras by Kalamaram giving Notice of a
Fleet of 30 sails supposed to be french, having been seen
to the Northward of Madras.

Tues^d^y February 12. The portugues Reader of Pullicat, whom I have
fed and clothed these three Months in hopes of making
him serviceable to me, being dismissed, went on Board a
Nagapalnam Sloop. In passing by the Church, he
uttered the most dreadful Curses, throwing Sand upon
the Houses of our Christians, whom he suspects of having
N.B.