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comfort us again, after the time that thou hast plagued us, &
send us Peace & ^athankful Heart.

Monday September 9. The English Fleet of which they have boasted so much
since my coming here, & which sailed hence the very day I arrived,
returned from Trincomaliy with the Melancholy News of the
Capture of that Place of Refuge for our Fleet in the Monsoon,
by the French on the 30th of August, & a severe Engagement between
the two fleets of that Place on the 3^d Instant.

Sunday September 15. Hitherto I have preached every Sunday once at Vepery
either in Malabar or Portuquize. To day I preached to the
English Congregation in the Fort, in the Hall of the Government
House, the Church having been made a Rice Magazin of. My
text was Joel 2.13

In the Beginning of last Week returned our Fleet to the great
Consternation of this Place. In the Beginning of this we saw the

Store Ships return, & heard of the Return of the Army & the Sickness
of S^r. Eyre. O God! what are the best fitted out Fleets, and the
Strongest Armies, if thou wilt not give Success, if thou ^{as} in this
Case, thou makest thy Wind blow to defeat our Projects. On thee
depend all Creatures, O that the Inhabitants of this Place would
~~do~~ would do as they have been exhorted to day and Prayed for, &
that thou wouldst prevent the Ruin that threateneth them,
and remove the Calamity, that has already befallen them. I praise
thee for the Opportunity I have had this day of declaring
here publicly, what I have wished to declare. Let it not be
altogether forgotten.

Saturday September 21. The Scarcity of Rice is so great that to get ^a Bag
of it for my Schoolmaster and the Servant of my two Disciples
I have myself been Obliged to run about in the Black Town this
whole Week 'Tis incredible, what Number of poor People there die
daily in the Streets. ()

Friday.