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Lord pity the miseries of this sinful Place & sweep us up, as thou
hast swept the Inhabitants of the interior Parts of the
Country. The Sight of so much Distress in one day, added
to the Load which myself bear, bent me down to the
Ground, that I could not walk upright. I prayed heartily
for a relief in these great Extremities, & was comforted.

Thursday October 31. The poor Widow mentioned on the 27 got a
Passage with a Cuddalore Serjeant^{and his family} in a Vessel going to a
plentiful Country in the Northern provinces.

Friday November 1st. Notwithstanding all our Endeavours to get
a Conveyance for carrying me & my two disciples to Cuddalore,
we can get none, as no Boat or Vessel going ^{to} the Southward
will touch at Cuddalore, they are afraid of the French.
I have offered for a Passage in a small Boat 20 Pagodas.
It seems to be the Will of God, that we should stay some
what longer in Madras. May he in the mean while

comfort my poor family, & give them Grace & favours before the
Strangers, among whom they live. May he keep them in health,
feed them in Scarcity, Be their Sun & their Shield in all
Dangers & difficulties, & bring us again together in due time
with joy & thanksgiving.

I visited the unfortunate & sick Serj^t: mentioned on Oct^r 27
in the Hospital, who is much troubled in his Mind.

Saturday, November 9. This Evening I sent my Things, People & Children
to embark in a Boat which I have hired for 20 Pagodas for
Cuddalore, When the People in the Boat saw them, they
made Sail, & when a Friend of Mine sent a kataamaran
to stop the Boat, they crowded their sails and got off.

An unaccountable Behaviour of the People, & a grievous
Disappointment to us.

Monday Nov^r 11 Spent the whole day with the pious & afflicted family
of M^r. Toriano, who have lost a Child by the small Pox.