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Tranquebar in his way back to Tanjore. In the Evening he edified the portuguese people, that assembled in my House, with a Discourse.

Sunday April 10th. Brother Swartz preached both in English & Portuguese on the Gospel John 10, 1-18 & chiefly on these three words: I am the good Shepherd; I know my sheep; I am known of mine.

April 11th. This Evening Brother Swartz, having prayed with & catechised the malabar Christians in my House, set out for Tanjore.

April 12th. a heavy Monsoon Day. Early in the morning a loud Thunder Shower. It is remarkable that so heavy a Thunder Shower, hanging so low over a large Town for the space of above an Hour, should pass without doing the least Damage.

April 14th. a hard monsoon Day which ended in a very violent Gale.

April 17th. Untill this morning the Rain, wind, & Thunder continued.

April 23. I finish this night a Week, which was full of Affliction & Trouble, & that of such sort partly, as I never yet experienced. God have mercy upon me & on my family for the sake of Christ. Before this painful week endeth, in comes an unexpected Message from the Lady who received us last Year so kindly under the Roof of one of her Houses, requesting, that we will quit her House as soon as possible. I should now on account of my present Situation be quite unhappy, if it ~~had~~^{was} not ~~been~~ for the Comforts of Religion.

May 5th. 1785. Being Ascension Day Brother John,
N. L.