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Hours in my House, they learned so well, that they could ^{give a proper answer} to all the Questions, that were put to them at Church before Baptism.

July 27th 1785. Early in the morning I set out for Tranquebar to take my Passage to Pullicat in a Dutch India man.

July 31st. I did not expect to stay so many Days at Tranquebar. However I am not sorry for it; my time has been well employed in conversing & consulting with the missionaries about the mission in general & my own Situation in particular. This morning we went on board the Boet, in the afternoon we sailed.

August 1st. at Day break we found ourselves opposite to Allamparey. In the Evening we came to an Anchor between Covelong & Madras.

August 2^d. Our Ship which is twenty feet under water, came at once from nine to five fathom of water upon the dangerous Sand bank of Ennore between madras & Pullicat, & remained in that shallow water for some time to the consternation of every body. In the Evening by the Help of a Pilot we came to Anchor in Pullicat Road.

August 3^d. We were two Hours in the Boat, in which we went ashore. The Arrival of our Ship gave new Life to the Dutch Inhabitants, which has been sent on purpose from Batavia to supply Pullicat, which is now the chief Dutch Settlement on this Coast, with such things as they want for reestablishing it, & the other inferior Settlements. The joy would have been still greater, if instead of Goods the ship had brought ready money, as there is very little prospect of disposing these Goods in a depopulated country.

August 4th. The Malabar & portuguese Catechists & school masters with many other poor people came to me & thanked me for having continued my charity to them till the End of last