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Month, & begged to continue it for one month longer, as there was no prospect of getting their Allowance so soon from the Dutch Gentlemen.

August 5th. Went to see the Choultry to the Northward of Pullicat, in which M^r. Fabricius & his Flock found a place of Refuge in one of the former french wars. He was then as poor as he is now, but as happy as a mortal can be. He had the Testimony of a good conscience, & the Confidence & Good will of all that knew him. O Lord! preserve me in a cunning & deceitful World in my Integrity to my dying Day; & grant also, that my once much respected Brother may recover his Character before he dies and let me & him find mercy in thy sight.

August 8th. Having preached at Pullicat twice in malabar & once in portuguese, & having baptized nine Children & one adult person, an orphan, that has been maintained & instructed these several years in the family of a poor man, who was formerly a Writer in the Dutch Company's Service at Pullicat, & who had nothing to do during the war & who has this year & an half been chiefly maintained by the Charities which I have administered; & having recommended the catechists, Schoolmasters & Poor to the care of the Gentlemen; I went to madras by land, where I arrived this morning.

August 10th. This Day was miserably spent at the Mount in the Crowd of an incredible number of Spectators, in Expectation of seeing a great Ballon go up, & two Gentlemen with it. It did not succeed, it was however some Compensation for my Disappointment, that I got Admittance to see the Apparatus.

August 30th. Found the Honble Society's Stores sent out to their Missionaries, & of which I heard some Days ago, that they had already arrived some time ago in the Francis. I found soon

a Conveyance to send to the Missionaries at Tranquebar, Tanjore & Tirutchinopoly their Shares.

Sept: 8. 1785. During my Stay here I have preached at Wepury Church every Sunday, sometimes in Portuguese sometimes in Malabar. The portuguese Service is attended by very few people; & this has been the case for several years. But at the Malabar Service the Church is pretty full. Publick divine Service on Sundays & the Morning Prayer every Day at Church, a Small English & Malabar School, The Visitations of the Sick & preparations for Baptism seem to be carried on by M^r. Fabricius, his Catechists & Schoolmasters as usual. But the Wepury Mission has lost its former credit. M^r. Fabricius is pitied by many, but his people are abhorred by all, & most of all those, in whom he chiefly confides. And many good people have told me & wrote to me not to think of settling at Wepury, & even those who wish much that I were settled at Madras, do not wish me to be connected with the people of Wepury. All this would have less Effect upon me, had I not been so intimate with our late Brother Breithaupt & acquainted with all his Sorrows. Therefore, having with great Trouble & Difficulty finished my work at Madras, I set out this morning for Vellore, to which Garrison I was invited. In my way to Munnattore I read the Anniversary Sermons preached before the Honble Society in 80. & 84. And when I came to the Choultry of Munnattore & had no opportunity of talking with Heathens, I wrote in my Journal the following Remarks on the Mission occasioned by the reading of the before mention'd Sermons. Thanks be to God that the protestant Missionaries on this Coast in conformity with the Honble Society, have, teach, & inculcate that Doctrine which is peculiarly Christian, & the solid Support of

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