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Janry 11. Sunday. The whole Congregation was assembled before I enter'd the Church. The solemn Silence, that subsisted in the Church so crowded had a surprizing effect upon me; regardless of my Meditation, I preached extempore on the Divine Pre-  
-sence & the Effect the Sense of it has on the human Mind, and administer'd the Holy Sacrament to many above a hundred who seemed to be affected and lifted up in the same manner as I was. In the Afternoon we met again in the same frame of Mind, as it seemed, to thank God for the Blessings received and to confirm ourselves in our good Resolutions. The Remembrance of this Day will be of some Comfort to me in any future evil Day. When I came home I was agreeably surprized by seeing all the young People, who had received the Sacrament for the first time, assembled in my House to give me thanks for the Trouble I had taken in preparing them for the Blessings of this Day.

Janry 12. Monday. Began this Day to instruct those People, who wish to receive Baptism before I leave Nagapatnam.

Janry 13. Tuesday. Peter Rhayappen arrived from Tranquebar, who is going to visit the Southern Congregations. I gave him a Letter of Introduction to Col. Martin at Ramnadaburam.

Janry 14. Wednesday. I was called to a young Dutch Woman to comfort her in her Sickness. I repeated my last Sundays Sermon & prayed. Before I left her I put to her these two Questions 1. What is your Hope in case the Lord should take you out of the World by this Sickness? 2 What is your Resolution & Purpose in case God should restore you to

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to your Health? To the first she answer'd, that she was prepared, and willing to die; that she had in the 18 Years of her Life often sinned, that she could count her Hair but not her Sins; but that she hoped for Pardon. To the second she declared, that she had before her Sickness made a Resolution to dedicate herself to the Service of Jesus Christ all the Days of her Life.

Janry 15. Thursday. Preached in the Morning at the Malabar Church a Sermon, preparatory to the Lord's Supper. A great Number of Portuguese and Dutch People that understand Malabar joined in the Malabar Congregation. In the Afternoon my catechetical Lecture being ended, there came a number of People to me to speak in private. I am sorry that I am obliged to leave this Congregation, of which so many convince me that I have not preached to them in vain.

Janry 16. Friday. After the catechetical Lecture in my House I had again many private Conferences as yesterday.

Janry 17. Saturday. The whole Morning was spent in private Conferences and in the Evening I preached in the Malabar Church a Sermon preparatory to the Sacrament and examined publicly some People that desire to be admitted.

Janry 18. Sunday. I administered the Sacrament in the Malabar Church to 34 Malabars and just as many Portuguese and Dutch that understand Malabar, and did not think themselves sufficiently prepared last Sunday.

Janry 19. Monday. My Desire of continuing here not only the Charity School, but also the monthly Allowance to poor Widows made me think of a Subscription. And every body to whom I proposed my Thought encouraged it.

Janry 20. Tuesday. Wrote the Subscription Paper in English and Portuguese and