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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

and began to send it round.

Janry 22. Thursday. Preached in the Malabar Church after the Catechist had read Matth: 3, and Rom: 6, 3. 4. of Christ's Baptism as a Prefiguration of, and Obligation, to his Death and Resurrection and of our Baptism as a Change from Sin to Grace; as an Obligation to the Mortification of Sin, and to a new Life as a Passage from Shame to Glory, from Death to Life. After Sermon I examined the Catechumens and christened a few Children, including 30 People of several different Nations, of some of which I have given an Account in my last Letters.

Janry 25. Sunday. In the Afternoon I preached my farewell Sermon on Apocal: 3, 11. of what this Congregation has, and what they ought to keep; and of the two Reasons why they ought to keep what they have viz: because Christ says behold I come quickly, and because we have Enemies who may deprive us of our Crown. In the Application I told them in what manner and by what means public Divine Service and private Instructions would be kept up among them and exhorted to attend them: and how and by what means the usual Charities would be continued, and exhorted the Poor to an holy and unblameable Life, and thereby to prevent the Subscribers from growing weary in Well-doing. The whole Congregation was in Tears, and very much affected, altho' I endeavoured to prevent it on my own Account, ^{that my own feelings might not take away my speech,} by avoiding all affecting Expressions.

Janry 27. Tuesday. Early in the Morning I left Nagapatnam leaving