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Principal and many Years Interest, if he will have the Mission house, under the Pretence of having built it at his own Cost, and which he has confirmed but a few Days ago in Jail. I wrote to him, asking, what the Temptation had been, that had induced him to such an Act? He wrote me for Answer these words "The older I grow the more foolish I am. Please to declare, that what I have wrote is null and void." How this Affair will end, God knows.

March 1. Sunday Christen'd a Malabar Woman, which afterwards was married to a European, a Watchmaker. I examined her before the Congregation for about an Hour. She answered to all the Questions with so much Readiness and Devotion, that the whole Congregation was astonished at it, and myself highly delighted with it. Excepting these last Weeks since my Return from Nagapatnam, she hath been chiefly instructed in her own House, which is at some Distance from Wepury by Tasanaicken.

March 8. Sunday. Both the English Chaplains of Fort George being indisposed, I preached in the Fort Church at their Request.

March 9. Monday. I was spoke to by several Gentlemen, and in particular one, who was commissioned by one of the Directors of the Female Asylum, exhorting me not to decline the Superintendency of this Asylum. They said, that without my Assistance it would not go on.

March 13. Friday. Christen'd at the Portuguese Evening Lecture a Child of a Ship's Captain, who arrived here with his Wife from Bombay.

April 5.