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April 5. Sunday. Having received yesterday a Letter from the Secretary of the female Asylum conveying to me a Request of the Governors & Directresses of that Institution to take charge of the internal Management of that House; to take these orphans under my Care & Protection: I was at the Loss how to answer it as I cannot accept of the Request in its full extent. It employed my Thoughts all the Morning, and I went to the Malabar Church unprepared. But the Lord strengthened me, that I spoke of his Sufferings before the ecclesiastical Court of the Jews in a manner that affected me & the Congregation. At the Words they sought false Witnesses, but found no Witness, I thought of the Words in the Prophet, which are to this purpose, thy Sin shall be sought, but not found. Ours may be found, but it is covered by the Innocence of Christ. My Mind was so much troubled on account of the above Letter, that in the Afternoon I went equally unprepared to the Portuguese Church. There was a larger Congregation than usual. I spoke of the Sacrament & of the Advantage of receiving it with the rest of the Congregation at Church. I had the Comfort that two sickly Ladies Mother & Daughter who have desired me to administer to them the Sacrament in their House, as Mr. Fabricius had done, now acquainted me of their own accord, that they would come to Church for it. At the English Service from 7 to 8 the Church was pretty full too I read a Lecture on the Sufferings of Christ & took for my Text the 53. Ch: of Isaiah. We had a hot Day, and I was much fatigued.

April 8. Wednesday. This Morning I had the Mortification to find, that my Horse was stolen from the burying Ground where

where it was picketed under a Tree, & that the Gate had been forced open. Every body said: the Vexery Christians have stolen the Horse. They want to ruin & drive away the Missionary.

April 9. Thursday before Easter. Preached in the Morning in Malabar, in the Afternoon in Portuguese on the Lord's Supper.

April 10. Good Friday. Preached in the Morning in Malabar on the Death of Christ, in the Afternoon I preached in Portuguese on the same subject a Preparatory Sermon to the Sacrament.

April 11. Saturday in the Evening preached a malabar sermon preparatory to the Sacrament & examined publicly 4 young People who desired to be admitted to the Sacrament.

I wrote to the Sheriff requesting to send Mr. Fabricius to morrow Morning out of Jail to Church for to receive the Sacrament; but he wrote me for Answer, that the nature of Mr. Fabricius's Confinement was such, as prevented him from obliging me in granting the Request.

April 12. Easter Sunday. Early in the Morning I gave an Exhortation to the Portuguese Communicants & administered the Sacrament to about 40 People. We were all much affected. Soon after I preached to the Malabars and administered the Sacrament to 35 People. In the Afternoon I preached in Portuguese on 1 Cor: 14, 15. of the fruits of Christ's Resurrection. And in the Evening in English on Isaiah 11, 10.

April 13. Easter Monday. Preached in Malabar on the appearing of Christ to the two going to Emmaus. And in the Afternoon I preached in Portuguese on 1 Peter 1, 21.