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1739.

September.

in the Company's Garden near 4 miles from Cuddalore, the going and coming such a way in the hottest time of the day made me so unfit, that it was impossible, as long as the Landwind held, to teach the Children immediately after it. But the season being now cooler, I begun to day again from 4 till 5 in the afternoon to read the Old Testament with them, commencing with the history of Joseph Gen. 37. and intending to go through the main parts of the history of the Jews, described in the Old Testament. My main design is, that the boys may be better acquainted and capable to understand the scriptures, and as the historical part is very agreeable, I hope, that with Gods blessing this will excite in them a greater desire to read the Bible.

19. I received 200. Pag. being part of the money sent out by the honorable Society and designed for Cuddalore. As I was not in immediate want, and the carrying of the money in natura being hazardous, I resolved to stay for opportunities, to have the money by bills of exchange, and a Gentleman in this place having occasion to send 200 Pag. to Madras, I gave some days ago a bill to be drawn upon Mr. Schultze, who upon my desire paid the said sum to the Gentleman's Correspondent, and I had the money paid here.

October.

4. I finished the grammatical explanation of the Gospel of St. ~~Mark~~ Mark with the boys, and begun that of St. Luke
5. The garden belonging to the first bought ground had been let out to a Malabar man for 7. Pag. a year, which money should be payed in three terms. But according to the way of this nation, who take deceitfulness to be an extraordinary qualification, he refused payment, so that the Gentleman who is Justice at Cuddalore thought proper to imprison him twice for some days, and it was difficult yet to get the money. This was very tedious to me, and as it might have been interpreted to my prejudice by illwilling People, I annulled the contract, and resolved to let the Coconuts grow, and sell them afterwards at once. But one way or other I found after some months