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but it seemed very odd to me, that they would live upon other people's sweat, when they themselves did nothing, that might be usefull or profitable to ~~they~~ their fellowcreatures. And it seemed unreasonable to me, to say, God had ordered them to do so, because God had given us life and limbs, and connected mankind so together, that every one in his capacity and circumstances should contribute something for the benefit of the whole, and then he might in justice expect assistance and help from his fellowcreatures. It was much the same, as if a vessel was in danger at sea, and when every body did his utmost to save the vessel, one or two of the company would repose themselves to rest, pretending an order and blessing of God for it. They seemed not to mind what I proposed, and I left them.

25. In my Sunday afternoons lesson, I finished to day Genesis and begun Exodus.

The rain being now over and the weather fair, I went frequently about two or three times a week at Cuddalore as well as in the neighbouring places, taking here and there an opportunity to address myself to people, in order to be known to them.

Likewise, I was visited by several.

As I had prepared part of the draughts of my European Letters, I continued the same, though it went not so fast as I hoped, because I could not set aside my ordinary and daily business, though I took as much time for the letters, as I could spare conveniently.

9. In my Sundays Sermons I begun the doctrine of Christ.
17. I was unexpectedly visited by a young Mahometan of this place, who is the grandson of a man of above 110 years of age. This old man is very much esteemed and revered all over a great part of the country, being in a manner a Highpriest amongst his people.