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March

talked about half an hour, I took my leave and went home. several of the Auditors followed me and viewed themselves very satisfied with what they had heard from me, and that the Candaram could answer nothing against my Objections. I spoke a few Words more and told them I should be glad if any body, that had a desire for truth, would come to my lodging & enter into a nearer Conversation with me. Hitherto the main design in most of my discourses has been to convince them of the insufficiency and invalidity of their knowledge, because I cannot suppose that people will desire and enquire for a better knowledge, as long as they believe that theirs is good true and sufficient. But if under divine blessing, I can but once gain this point with them, I have reason to believe that they will ask me if I can give them a better Instruction.

23. This Sunday afternoon I came to an End with the Historical part of the fourth Book of Moses.

24. Having been desired to Christen a Gentleman's Daughter at the Fort, I went over this afternoon to administer holy Baptism.

30. In my Sunday's afternoon Lecture I took the Historical part of Deuteronomy.

31. To day arrived Ambrose, a Malabar Christian from Tranquebar, who upon my desire was Recommended to me by the Missionaries, as a Catechist & Schoolmaster. After a due deliberation I found it necessary to have such a one in my Service, because, though I have done all, what I can to converse in a Friendly manner with the Indians, yet there is Reason to believe that they will be more inclined to see one of their own Countrymen, who has embraced Christianity converse with them, who in a manner may be a Mediator betwixt them & a European Missionary. For his monthly Wages was appointed 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ Pagoda.

In my Sermons, I have proposed the Doctrine of Sin, endeavouring chiefly to give my Auditors an insight into the nature of Original Sin.

April

6. This Sunday afternoon I begun to read and explain to the Children the Books of Joshua.

9. In my daily instructions I begun for two hours every week to read with the Children the Gospel of St. John.

15. A Child of a High-German in the Military Service was christened by me.

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