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Novemb^r. 3rd - First. Two children of a Malabar Christian, from Tranquebar, (who lives here) have been taken to School, and upon Consideration of the Circumstances, we have Resolved to give the Father half a Bagoda ^{per} month towards their maintenance, with condition that it be only for 3 or 4 months, & that sometimes the Boy shall work in the House or Garden. 2^{ly}. As here is an opportunity to get a Desk, we will see if we can buy it for 7 Bagodas. 3^{ly}. if for the future, Children should be offered to the Portuguese School we will endeavour to bring it about, that they have only their maintenance and that their Parents give them Clothes. 4^{thly}. Having received last month all our money we have brought every particular in account and made it up. We find that it is necessary to be particularly Frugal, & if we can we will give part of the money upon Interest for some Months. 5^{thly}. Hiern: having by Divine assistance preached yesterday his first Sermon in the Portuguese we have now divided our Sundays Business and considered several particulars concerning it.

6^{thly} Hiern: is resolved to begin now the Malabar Language.

10th - 1st - H: having begun the malabar language last week we have fixed now the hour from 3 to 4 in the afternoon, when Gu: will Teach him. 2^{ly}. Deliberated how our Journal may be jointly made. 3^{ly}. We will endeavour to Teach the Boys 2 or 3 Times well that we may in a short time begin divine Service with a Hymn.

17th - 1st - Some general deliberations about our Sermons and Regulating the Schools. 2^{ly}. H: is resolved besides the hour in the afternoon to apply himself to the Malabar Language in the morning from 11 for half an hour & the Malabar Catechist Ambros is to assist him.

24th. An impediment coming in the way the conference was put off till the following week.

Decemb^r. 1st - 1st. About the better Regulating the hours appointed for H: learning the malabar Language. 2^{ly}. In our Sermons we will now propose the Doctrine of Christ & choose Suitable Texts out of the Old Testament.

3^{ly}. We will begin in time with our Correspondence to Europe; the particulars of which we deliberated upon. 4^{thly}. We will buy for 7 Bagod: a convenient Desk to put in

our Papers Accounts &c.

8th - Concerning our Correspondence to Europe & some particulars thereof.

15th - 1st. Resolved to Refit the Fledge on the River Side (it being now the proper Season for it) & to raise the Ground a little, to keep off the water which on Extraordinary high Tides and Freshes comes very near. 2^{ly}. Deliberated more particularly concerning our Correspondence to Europe. 3^{ly}. As the money sent for half a year's Salary to H: goes no further than the 11th of this Month we have agreed to take from that time his Salary out of the Cash first for two thirds of this Month and so on Regularly the following Months.

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