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A Journal,
Containing the most material circumstances, happening in the latter
six months of the Year 1741,
with the British Shipboard at Cuddalore near Fort St. David.
July.

With the beginning of this Month one of the Portuguese Schoolboys was dismissed, and entered in the military Service. There was a strong Suspicion, that some of his roman catholic relations, endeavoured to entice him away to Portichery, therefore we thought this to be the best way to keep him here, in this place, as the boy was willing to be a souldier.

About the middle of the Month we made a regulation in the Portuguese School, that the boys should learn English every day, and 10. Hours in the week taken on that account.

Upon this a boy out of the malabar School on desire of his relations was admitted to the English lessons.

24. We received a short letter from Mr. Newman, dated Febr: ye 6th 1740.
26. A newborn child of the malabar catechist, Ambros, was baptized.

In the Portuguese sermons we continued to preach upon the Epistle to the Colossians, and in the malabar congregation some Gospel Texts of St. Matthew have been explained.

Having again in the daily catechisation ended the explanation of the Catechism, the exercises in the Portuguese language were resumed with the literal explanation of the latter part of the Acts.

This Month we had an account from Franguebar, that Mr. Agreen, Commander in Tanjapatnam, of whom we have mentioned before, did lately dye.

August.

5. Some malabar merchants from the Country visited us. We shewed them maps & books, & our Discourse was chiefly upon the insufficiency of the malabarian learning & knowledge. They could not but approve, what was told, yet, as usual, it did not seem to move them much.
6. We went on an invitation to the weddinghouse of an inhabitant who lives near us. They received us civilly, and we began, after some other discourses to talk with a young Braman there. But others of the company excused him that he had not yet acquired capacity enough, to answer us. So we went no further, and after a short stay retired.
10. To day soon after midnight dyed our Governour, James Hubbard Esq: having been ill some weeks. He was buried in the evening, one of us reading the Service, and the other accompanying the Corps.