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A Journal.

Containing the most material Circumstances, happening in the first Six Months of the Year 1742,
with the British Mission at Cuddalore, near Fort St. Davids.

January.

On new Years day a Sermon was Preached on Titus 11. 11 and after the explanation of the Text, we excited us and our Congregation to be carefully and make a right use of Gods grace and Favours.

3. To our great joy we received this Morning some of our European Letters. We were visited about noon by two Malabarians from Porto novo, of whom one has been with us formerly. they desired to see our collection, of Malabarian Proverbs, and told us some others which we added. as it was noon time, they did not stay long, but took their leave.

4. A Mahomedan from Porto novo, who is Factor to the Danish Company, made us a short visit. after a few words of compliments, the Arabick New Testament was brought, but he did not know the Language. He was told, that if he liked it, he might carry it home and shew it to those of his Opinions, who new Arabick. He excepted of the offer and Took the book with him.

22. In the evening G. W. went to Tripplore. As I entered, I overtook two Bramans, who carried something in little pots, and asking them, what it was, I understood that one of them was the master of Sacrifices to the Pagoda, and that they carried Oil, Honey, and melted butter, to Anoint the Lord. I asked if the Lord had Occasion to be Anointed, to which they boldly answered in the affirmative. I asked once more, if the Lord, the maker of all, stood in need of any thing of this kind. The Braman was much discontented, doubled his face and grumbled out some words, which I could not understand. I took a turn through one street and came at last to ^{the} great Pagode, where I found the Braman again, and offered to discourse with him, but he expressed a great

uneasiness which made me leave him. some few others went along with me through the street, amongst whom ~~was a young~~ was a young Brahman, who has his Business in the same Pagoda. Our discourse was on the true service of the only God, and the Sinfulness of Idolatry. He answered in the same way as these Natives commonly do, and at last I invited him to a further conversation, and he Promised to visit us in Cuddalore.

22. In the evening arrived from Tranquebar, Pastor Aaron who some Years ago has been ordained to the Ministry of the Protestant Missions. As he stayed some days with us, we were much Satisfied, seeing his good behaviour and disposition of mind. He has been born and brought up in Cuddalore, and has several relations, who are yet Heathens, but he has not seen them for about Twenty Years. Therefore he sent for them, talking with some of them in our presence, and recommended, that they should enter into a conversation with us. We were very glad of this new opportunity to enlarge our acquaintance, and leave the effects of it to Providence.

27. Pastor Aaron departed and went into the country, in order to visit the Christians of the Tranquebar Missions.

At the end of the Month one of the Portuguese Boys was dismissed. The explanation of the Epistle to the Galatians has been finished in the Portuguese school.

Our Sermons have been on the two first Chapters of the Gospel of St. Luke, and in the Portuguese Congregation we have according to our resolution, in the conferences begun to preach upon the Epistles to the Romans.

We take now the Sermons in both Languages by turns, so that one Sunday G. W. preaches in the Malabarian Language, and K. in the Portuguese, and the next Sunday G. W. preaches in the Portuguese, and K. reads prayers and Scripture Lessons in the Malabarian Congregation.

Our Correspondence to Europe has kept us much employed in this Month.