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March.

About this time one of the Company's Country Ships arrived at Madras from Bengall, having on board part of the Cargo of the European Ships Kent, and Scarborough. Though to our great disappointment nothing belonging to us, was come, neither could it be found out, if our Chests had been delivered at Bengall or not. We must have patience therefore till we can hear more agreeable News.

We had another disappointment at the same Time, because the Ship, Admiral Vernon, which was designed to sail from Madras directly to England, did not depart, but was ordered to stay in these parts till September. Therefore a Packet of Letters which we had forwarded to Madras to go to England on board the same Ship, was sent back again.

M^r. Schultze at Madras had upon our desire procured us another Loan of 100 Pagodas upon 8 p^{er} cent Interest which we Received here by a bill of Exchange.

21. A new born Son of one of our Malabarian Congregation was Christened to day.

25. We were visited by some Black Merchants from Porto novo, to whom we shewed books and Maps, which gave us the Opportunity to talk in general of True Knowledge and the means to come at it. They were entertained with a discourse for about an Hour, and seemed to be well pleased.

— when we came to talk of Religious Knowledge, and why the Inhabitants of this Country did ~~not~~ so much, he answered slightly, that his Countrymen were unmindfull of such things. The reply from our side was, that he as a Merchant knew well, that worldly goods and Riches would not come of themselves if a Man did not bestir himself and mind his business carefully and assiduously, and how could any one think to attain to a true Knowledge of God, and the Service due to him, if he was quite inquisitive and downright negligent. He could say nothing against this, but was so indifferent, as to prove by his own behaviour, that he had given the true Character of his Countrymen.

27. One of us went to Tripaploze, and spoke to some People there but it did not come to a formal discourse.

In our Portuguese Sermons we continue to preach upon the Epistle to the Romans, and in the daily Catechizings after the explanation of some Psalms, the repetition of the Catechism has been begun.