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have Liberty to come to hear Sermons and other instructions. Likewise we told him, that he must quit the hut which had been allowed to him, this we chiefly did to frighten him, being resolved not to insist upon the immediate execution of it. As he found by this, that we were to carefully to be deceived by him, he left us, and we were in a manner glad to have discovered his unsincerity in proper Time.

October.

We heard that the Poor person mentioned before, had quitted his hut with a pitifull Bravery, selling his earthen Pots to other Peoples, because he thought them to be defiled by his having had so near a Conversation with the Europeans. At the same time he continued to go on in such a way of Life, that even according to the Country way he could hardly deserve any other Character but that of a downright Profligate. This Plainly shews how his mind must have been disposed at that Time, when he hoped to deceive us with fair words, and we were glad, to have discovered these Things in proper Time.

1. To day we received the Chests &c. from Bengal tolerably well Conditioned, considering the length of time and change of Climates, through which they had gon. We wrote afterwards to Madras to the Gentlemen Corresponding with the Society desiring their advice and kind assistance concerning our Silver which remained yet unsold in Bengal.
3. A new born Daughter of a Highgerman, who serves the Company as a Soldier, was Christened.

Towards the end of this Month a Gentleman in this place, who lives next door to us desired that his Slave boy might be admitted to learn English in our School, which we gladly complied with.

Having till now declared the Epistle to the Romans in the Portuguese Congregation and finished the same, we begun this Month the first Epistle

To the Corinthians, according to a resolution in our Conference.

In the Malabarian Congregation we have preached hitherto partly on some Psalms and partly on Gospel Lessons.

November.

2. In the evening arrived from Madras at Fort St. Davids
Mr. Monson, being sent down as Commissary and Provisional
Deputy Governor, and at the same time Mr. Burton's Commission
was declared void and of no effect.
3. We went over to Fort St. Davids and payed our respects to the
● New Governor.
7. Some time ago a Dutch Gentleman, Myn Heer Nieuwenhaysen,
Resident in the Dutch Factory at Dewanapattam Town (to the North
and within the limits of Fort St. Davids) had desired us to Christen one
of his Slaves who had hitherto been instructed by a ^{Country} Portuguese who serves
amongst the Dutch as a Schoolmaster. As the slave on an Examination,
was found to have a Tolerable knowledge of Christian Religion, he was
Christened to day with the names of Calander, according to his Masters
● desires. His Age is about 16 Years.
19. A Highgerman born in the same provinces with one of us, visited
and acquainted us with his Circumstances in the following way. he had been
in East India about 20 Years, and first served the Dutch Company as a
Military man, but a hasty unlucky accident, for which he dreading a severe
Punishment, happening, made him desert and engage afterwards with the
French. He carried with him a Woman of the Gentou cast whom he had
kept only, not being permitted in his Station to marry, according to the orders
of the Dutch Company. Having served the French for some time at
Pondicheri (about 5 Leagues to the North of Fort of St. Davids.)
and having had two Children by her, he desired to have her Christened and