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21. The before mentioned Woman, was Christened to Day with the name of Magdalena, and afterwards the bands of Matrimony were published, a Certificate from the Secretary having been Produced, that the Governor had given leave for the same. And on the

28. The Matrimony was Confirmed.

About the end of this Month a servant of one of the Dutch Gentlemen from Portonovo (who on Account of new Troubles in the Country have been Necessitated to come again to this place) asked leave to come now and then to our School, to learn Portuguese, which was granted him.

Upon the intercession of the Corresponding Gentlemen in Madras the Hon^{ble} Governor Benyon has consented, to pay the Protestant Missionaries such a Quantity of Spanish Silver as according to the Invoices is kept for them in the Company's Storehouses at Policattip. This was agreeable News to us, and we had desired already M^r. Fabricius before his departure, to do his best that the Silver might be Sold the sooner the better.

Though we have endeavoured hitherto under Divine blessing to carry things so far, as to Baptize at least some of our Catechumens, yet we have found weighty reasons, to be cautious, and it has been an exercise of patience to us, to see new Difficulties arise, when we had taken all possible care to remove old ones, and to condescend in every thing to the utmost. We rely therefore upon the gracious assistance of God Almighty, who is the only true Promoter of our Business.

December.

1. Died one of our Malabarrian Congregation. John, who served the Hon^{ble} Company as a Soldier, and was interred in the English Burying place in Cuddalore.
9. We had a Letter from Madras, that by the care of M^r. Schultze the Silver is now sold, which the Hon^{ble} Governor Benyon has been pleased

To pay to the Protestant Missionaries instead of theirs that is yet kept at Calicatte in Bengal; Though at a low price, yet we find reason to acknowledge the Favour of the Hon^{ble} Governor. who has been so kind as to assist us in this Particular, as also to thank Divine Providence for having at last Vouchsafed us to enjoy those European Benefactions. Considering the Troublesome times now not only in Europe, but also in these parts of the World, by which a great many People already have been at a Loss.

The Resident of the Dutch Factory at Dewanapattam, desired us to Baptize one of his Slave Girls, to which we consented, as soon as she is a little better Instructed in the necessary parts of Christian Religion.

13. Daughter of a Portuguese, who serve the Dutch Gentlemen, was upon desires taken into our Portuguese School.

20. Two of our Catechumens, a Man and his Wife, whom we intend to Baptize shortly, came this Morning and brought their little Child a Son, about Two Years of Age, the same being very sick, they desired the Holy Baptism for him. Accordingly he was Baptized and called Muttuz.

These Two Persons are the only ones amongst our Catechumens that have been instructed for several Months, who seem to be prepared and to have a desire for the Holy Baptism. And if an unforeseen Impediment had not come in the way, they would have been Baptized on the 26th as the Sunday after Christmas, that Day being appointed for the same.

But we hope God willing, to do it on the 2^d of January Next.

In the Portuguese Congregation we continue to preach on the 1st Epistle to the Corinthians. And in the Portuguese School the Explanation of the Catechism has been ended.

In the Malabarian Congregation we have treated chiefly on Acts X. and Luke I and II. Chapters.