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useful, and have conferred on several things concerning our common business.

22. A newborn daughter of an English Soldier was christened. About this time our catechumens gathered again and some new ones came likewise to be prepared for Baptism.

28. The daughter of a Portuguese Widow of our congregation, who was formerly married to a sergeant, was taken into the School. At the end of this month a troublesome affair happened. One of our Portuguese Schoolboys, who has been with us from the very beginning of the School, and whom for his capacity and seemingly good disposition of mind we design to bring up for a Schoolmaster or catechist, was by underhand dealings of his Father enticed away under the pretence of seeing one of his relations lately arrived, with the promise to come again next day. When we expected to see the boy come back, we heard that the boy was engaged to a Gentleman, and that he should go to sea. This proceeding being so highly prejudicial, alarmed us to such a degree, that we resolved to carry the thing to the utmost length, if necessary. But we tried first how far softer means would go, and chose a gentle-

man in the Fort to be mediator, and one of us went to the Fort on purpose. Some contestations, objections &c. were made, but we insisted upon our right and the boys engagement to us. As the other party would not at least in appearance carry the thing further, the boy was called from his fathers house and sent immediately to Cuddalore.

In the Portuguese Congregation we continue to preach upon the first Ep. to the Corinthians, and in the Malabarian Sermons upon Matth. XXVI & XXVII.

April.

3. To day, being Easterday, the Lords Supper was celebrated in the Portuguese Congregation.

The daughter of our Catechist Ambros, was received in the Malabarian School.

9. A washerman, with his Family was on his desire admitted as a catechumen.

13. A Preparation for the Lords Supper was begun some members of the Portuguese congregation.

17. The Lords Supper was administered in the Malabarian congregation.

23. A Suede, who serves the Governors of Pondichery (a French Settlement to the North of us) came to visit us in order to receive the Lords Supper, which was accorded.