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singly administered to him in the Swedish language.
24. Eight people were baptized to day as Profelytes to
our malabarian Congregation, and one woman, who had
been formerly christened by the Roman Catholics, was
after due instruction publicly received into the Pro-
testant Communion. The Papists in these parts
have amongst many odd things a curious way to
make profelytes. They have persuaded the lower sort
of people, that in case of a dangerous and despe-
rate Sickness the patient will recover if he is
christened, so that one may easily think, how short
a preparation they must have in such a case.
However many poor people, children as well as grown
people chose to be christians to save their life. And
this had been the case with the just mentioned wo-
man. There was one family more of catechumens whom
we thought to christen likewise, but few days before
they asked leave to see some of their sick rela-
tives in the country. Though they promised to
come back shortly, we never saw them again and
could not find the reason of their secession. Those
that were christened, are all inhabitants in the villages
within the English limits.

As we have no ground yet for a burying place,
we asked the opinion of a Gentleman at Fort St
David about it, and he advised to ask the Govern-
ment leave for the use of the English burying ground
in Tridalore. Upon an Application to his worship, it
was granted immediately. we had some thoughts of
looking out for a piece of ground, to have our own
burying ground, but we found reasons afterwards to
defer it yet.

25. A boy was taken into the Portuguese School
27. A little child of one our Proselytes lately christe-
ned, dyed, and was buried in the English burying ground.

In the Chaldean congregation the Sermons have been
upon the doctrine of baptism and the Lords Supper. In
the Portuguese Sermons we go on with the first Epistle
to the Corinthians. Gu: found himself capable to preach
three times this month in the Portuguese language
but was obliged to leave off again the season being
very hot & heavy.

May

1. Another of the Catechumens, a grown man was christened