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A washerman from the village, waiandarampaleiam, with his wife and two Children desired to be instructed for baptism. he came for several days to the instruction, but afterwards told, that his old Father threatened to drive him with his Family out of the house, to excommunicate him and never to acknowledge him for his Son if he would turn a Christian. For which reason, he said, that he could not now come any more, but as soon as he Father dieth he would certainly come again. I gave him the proper admonition before he went.

8. To day arrived a box of books and medicines from Tranquebar, which the Reverend Dr. Franck has been pleased to send for the use of the Mission, with the Danish Ship. This also arrived safe and well.

10. An English Captain of a Ship, who is sailing for Mocha, desired some Arabian New Testaments to give away to some of the Arabian Merchants there, who have before earnestly desired him to bring them some. I gave him six, and he had got some before of Mr. Gualter in Madras. This Captain told that a great many of the greatest men in Mocha are very desirous for these books, and as often as he cometh there, they inquire of him, if he has not brought them some.

23. Several of the Portuguese Congregation having desired to administer the Lords Supper to them, accordingly to day a

preparation for the same was begun, and two persons who desire this Sacrament for the first time, were also admitted to the Preparation. The same was also begun in the chatabarian language for the ~~best~~ benefit of those amongst them who desired it.

31. A chatabarian cherkand, who liveth sometimes in Porto-novo and sometimes in Cuddalore, and has visited me very often before, came this evening to see me, desiring me to tell him now more particulars of Christ our Saviour, and how to be cleansed from sin, and made on heir of eternal happiness. I gladly and readily complied with his desire, and entertained him with a discourse on the above mentioned subjects for a good while. This man has allways before shewed a good disposition of mind and that he has a great regard for the christian religion. And now he was at last so much moved, that he said: Now I make no Account of my Estate or of my Relations, I will stay with you, I never go home to hear such a resolution, but that I believed it would be very well done if he remained in his Family, and would take care to persuade his elder and younger Brother and the other relations of his, to be of the same mind and