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A Continuation of the Brief me-
ters deliberated & resolved upon in a weekly
Conference about the Concerns of the
British Mission at Cudelar, which Con-
ferences began again on Sept: 16. 1747.
by us

J. Hiernander.
Johann Christian Breithaupt

1747.

- 1.) Agreed to have our Conferences on Sept: 16.
Thursdays from 8-9 a Clock in the morning.
- 2.) To have our Colloquium Publicum or privat-
edification on Frydays from 8-9. in the
morning, and to begin with the Acts of
the Apostles.
- 3.) Divided the Schoolbusiness amongst us,
as to the Catechisation of the Children in
the Malabarian & Portugueser School, &
settled the hours for that purpose from
9-10. in the morning.
- 4.) We deliberated upon Several other cir-
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circumstances, which we will further consider off and come to a resolution in the next Conference.

Sept. 24.

1.) We regulated the lessons for every day and hour of the Week, in the Malabarian School.

2.) Regulated and Settled the business of the Cathedral and Schoolmasters.

Octob. 1.

We deliberated and resolved, not to pay the alms to the poor at once in the month as hitherto, but to divide them at 4 different times in the month. We also considered who should receive alms, and how much may be allowed to every one, according to their different circumstances.

Octob. 8.

1.) Some Heathens having desired to be instructed for Baptism, we called them and inquired into their circumstances and for their motives. And as they must learn the whole day, we agreed how much to allow them daily, for the time they must come here and be instructed as they cannot have time to work so long, & consequently would suffer want if they were not assisted.

2.) Agreed to procure a house for the Malabarian

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rian Schoolmaster Lewadinam in Wandapaleian
that he may live there & to be ready in the mor-
ning early to have Prayers with all the Christians
there before they go out to their work, and after-
wards to instruct the Children there in the forenoon.
and in the afternoon to go to Tripaplar and in-
struct those children there and to have prayers
in the Evening with the Christians there when
they all come home from their work.

- 3.) As we have Several Christian Children, who
have not yet been received in the school, for
the sake of the great want the Mission is in
at present, we relying upon Divine Providence
and the Allmightys paternal Goodness, resol-
ved to receive those children for 2 or 3. Months
at least, that they may be further instructed
and attain to a better Knowledge. Because
we have the best hopes of the Young Minds,
as they are more capable of improving
themselves, and therefore it is absolute ne-
cessary they should be taken care of.

Octob: 15. 1.) As the Schools in Matimapedtei, Wandit-
paleiam & Tripaplar have hitherto for want
of proper houses for that purpose, been kept
in the open Field, and the Schoolmasters in-
structed the children under the shade of a
Tree, which cannot now be practized any
more since the rainy weather is sett in;
we resolved to build some huts with pal-
meiras and to cover it with the Palmeira
leaves both in Matimapedtei & Wandit-
paleiam. Somebody who knows the ~~con-~~
~~press~~ want of the Mission has offered
to bear the Expenses ~~there of~~. As for
building anything in Tripaplar, we will
defer it for some time, because somebody
has offered us a ground with a little house
there, which we will endeavour to get
for the sake of keeping the school there.
2.) We deliberated and resolved in what man-
ner we may best & most conveniently
Keep

Keep our Journal jointly both in the English
and Highgerman language.

1.) About the Regulation of the Schools in Octob: 22.
Wandilpateiam and Trinapalur.

2.) Resolved that when we have any time
remaining of this hour appointed for
our Conference, we will call one or the
other of the Schoolmasters or Schoolboys
for to exhort them to more earnest in
the Fear of God, and give them the necessary
admonitions. Accordingly one was now
called & exhorted. May it please the Lord
to give his blessing to it.

1.) We considered what Method may be most Octob: 29.
conductive to bring some members of the
Portuguese Congregation to frequent the
Sermons on Sundays more Diligent than
hitherto; because particularly some, who serve
the Hon^{ble} Company as Soldiers, have now
absented themselves a long time, pretending
that

- that they are now more Strict & Constantly kept upon their Duty than before, which we think has not so much ground. We therefore resolved to continue in exhorting every one of them not only ourselves by all opportunities, but that we will now Send the Portuguese Schoolmaster as also the Catechist for to visit them all, to inquire for their circumstances and earnestly to invite them to come to Church.
- 2.) We considered that the number of our Children now maintained in the Schools, is very great, and therefore we will keep them only for about a couple of months, till they have learnt what is most necessary and then dismiss a great part of them for to work and follow their business.
- 3.) Having now both in Malimapedee and in Wandilpaleiam small huts built for the keeping of the Schools, and finding ourselves disappointed with the house and Ground that was

was offered us in Tripaplar, it being too dear for us to buy, we resolved to desire the Governour to give us an empty spot of Ground to build upon.

1.) About our present catechumens, of Nov: 5. whom, if it pleaseth God, we will baptize 3. next Sunday and the rest to remain longer in the preparation.

2.) That we may so much the better be able to inquire into the circumstances of some people who are come lately to us from a place in the Country, called Mohrandicuppam; we resolved that one of us shall make a Journey to that Place next Monday, at the same time visite those christians we already have there.

3.) On the 29th of this month being the first Sunday of advent, we resolved to celebrate then the Lords Supper in the Malabarian congregation, and to begin a preparation with those who are to be Communicants, as
soon

Soon as he, who goeth to Mollbrandiruppen
returneth home again.

Several other things were considered, the resolu-
tion of which was deferred till next Confer-
ence.

Nov: 12. 1. Considering the increase of our Christians in
the Country, and having good hopes of
farther Success, we find it absolute necessary
to have more Catechists and fellowlabourers
of the natives; Because Ambrosius, the only
Catechist we have, can now no more take
care of both those Christians within the
Companys bounds, and those far off in the
Country. We therefore resolved to write a
Letter to our Brethren in Tranquebar, &
desire them to Send us one or two of their
clef Schoolboys, who are arrived to a good
Knowledge, and as for their behaviour bear
a good Character, that we may keep them
here at home with us for the Service within
the

Company's board, that Ambrosius may gain more time to go up in the Country to visite the Christians there and converse with the heathens.

2.) About our present Catechumens.

3.) Considering some circumstances concerning those who are to be prepared for to receive the Lord Supper.

An impediment coming in the way, the Conference was deferred. Nov: 19.

1.) About those who are now daily prepared for to receive the Lord Supper, and that the holy Sacrament is to be administered next Sunday in the Malabarian, and the next following Sunday in the Portuguese Congregation. Nov: 26.

2.) We considered several circumstances relating to our present catechumens.

1.) About some persons, who have offered themselves to turn Christians, and that we will send the Catechist in the Country next Week to visite the Christians, & to call some people now to come here. Dec: 3.

here for to be prepared for baptism, which they have desired sometime ago.

2.) About those of the Portuguese Congregation who are to be Communicants next Sunday, & that one of them must be put off till next time; because we find reason not to admit him now.

Dec: 10. 1.) We considered some circumstances relating to our present Catechumens, and resolved to baptize them next Sunday, as also to receive those Roman Catholics who have hitherto been instructed, into our Church. But 2 persons amongst the Roman Catholics, and 1 amongst the heathen Catechumens having not yet attained to such a knowledge as is requisite, we find it necessary to keep them longer in the preparation.

2.) As the Catechist could not go into the Country this week according to our resolution in the last Conference, because of the great rain & other impediments; We resolved that

that next Monday one of us together with the Catechist shall make a Journey up into the Country for 5 or 6 Days. And we deliberated & resolved upon several circumstances relating to the same.

- 3.) Some other natives from the Country having desired to be instructed for baptism, we resolved to begin a preparation with them, and that we will by this next Journey into the Country, invite those, who sometime ago had promised to come.

One of us being gone upon a Journey Dec: 17. into the Country, no Conference was held.

- 1.) That with the beginning of next Year Kiernander shall deliver the Accounts of Receipts and Disbursements to Breithaupt, to keep the same for the following 6 months. Dec: 24.

- 2.) We conferred upon several other things which were deferred till next Conference.

- 1.) Kiernander delivered to Breithaupt the Dec: 31. Accounts of the Mission, that he be now Treasurer for the ensuing 6 Months.

2.)

2.) We deliberated upon several other particulars relating to some members of our congregation, and concerning the children in the schools, the resolution of which was deferred to a further consideration.

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Jan: 7. 1.) We deliberated upon some circumstances concerning the Malabarian School, and dismissed some of the children.

2.) How to regulate the distribution of the alms

Jan: 14. 1.) Considered some particulars concerning our catechumens.

2.) About our European Correspondence

3.) For to lessen the Charges of the Mission we resolved to pay the Wages to 2 of the Pallan-keen boys ourselves, and to put the 4 only to the Mission Account.

Jan: 21. 1.) About our European Correspondence.

2.) About some better regulation in the 3 Country Schools

3.) To baptize the present catechumens next Sunday.