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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 Pallankeen 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.

Jan: 28.

1.) The Reverend Mr: Kohlhoff and Mr: Maderup, Missionaries from Tranquebar, being present in our Conference, we represented to them the present want this Mission is in, and asked if they cannot assist us with the loan of 100. Pagod: without interest from the Tranquebar Mission. They promised to consult about this affair with their Brethren as soon as they came home again, and write us word of it.

2.) We conferred upon several other things relating to a good harmony between our Missions

Febr: 4.

1.) According to our request, we got last month a Young Lad from Tranquebar, named Habakkuk, whom we have hitherto imployed in writing and taking Copy of a Malabarian book; but now we regulated his Schoolmaster business for all the days in the Week

2.) We made some better regulation as for the

the Lessons for the Children in the School at Malimapiedlei.

3.) As the lately here arrived Europe Ships did not bring us any Money for the Mission, and we hear that two Ships are arrived in Bengall, we resolved to write a letter to the Reverend Mr. Wynish who is there, that in case the remittances from Europe should be arrived there, to send it here with the first opportunity.

Febr: 11. We made up a Packet of Letters for Europe together with the Journals and Accounts.

Febr: 18. One of us being out of order the Conference was deferred.

Febr: 25. 1.) We resolved to dismiss with the end of this Month the old Malabarian Schoolmaster Dewadinaw who has hitherto instructed the Children in Tripaplur & Wandilpazeiam; because of his age, and that he is no more able to take such a care of those Schools as is required. And we will

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find means to put one of those we now have in his Stead, without taking in another. We also considered in what manner this old man may now for the future get his lively hood.

2.) About Some children in the Malabarian School who are to be dismissed and to work for their lively hood, and how to provide in the best manner for them as they are Orphans.

1.) About Some misbehaviour of one of our christians, whom we Sent for and examined. March 3.

2.) As the Grain Sells now cheapest we resolved to buy now in Stores what may be wanted for the whole Year, and though we have no money in hand, we resolved to borrow, and will trust to Gods paternal care in providing whatever may be necessary.

March 10.

1.) About celebrating the Lords Supper, and that we will give notice about it next Sunday, and afterwards begin a preparation

tion for the Communicants.

2.) As most all the children in the Schools are very Scabby, we considered Several ways how to remedy this Illness.

March 17. 1.) Resolved to begin the preparation for the Lords Supper next munday, and to take the morning hours daily for that purpose.

2.) We considered and deliberated how to remove Some disorders, amongst Some of our christians.

March 24. One of us being out of order the Conference was deferred.

March 31. 1.) Resolved to baptize those few catechumens, who have hitherto daily been instructed, next Sunday.

2.) To celebrat the Lords Supper in the Malabarian congregation next Thursday, and the Same in the Portugueez Congregation on Easter-day.

3.) Having had no Supply from Europe for So long a time, neither our Salaries nor any other money for the Support of the Charity Schools & Servants of the Mission,

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we considered upon this our melancholy Condition, but we not knowing ourseloes any ways or means to remedy it, we will confide in Gods paternal care, and we will borrow upon his Accoant, and carry on the Work that is begun in his Name.

1.) That we will consult with Mr. Morse about getting the Silver and other things, which was sent from Europe last Year and is now in Bengall. April 14.

2.) About our letters to Europe, as here is the George Snow that will be ready to sail shortly

3.) That we will consult with Mr. Morse & ask his Opinion about getting a Subscription in this place, towards building a Church

We considered the present circumstances of the Mission, that we are allready much indebted, and our Creditors want their money to be repaid, and what money was sent April 21.

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out from Europe last Year, remaineth yet in Bengall, which as we See by the Invoice, is no more than the Missionaries Salaries for 1747. and as it is allready late in the Season, very likely even that will not arrive here till August next. We therefore resolved to write a letter to the Missionaries in Tranquebar to represent to them our present condition, & to ask their advice & opinion what to do in this case. And as we have no money more in hand and ~~See~~ no likelyhood of borrowing any more without giving Sufficient Security, we also resolved to Send this letter by an express, that we may soon have their answer.

April 28. We conferred upon Several Oeconomicall affairs.

May 5. 1.) Having now, thanks to God, received the Silver from Bengall per Royal Snow, though it is no more than the Missionaries

naries Salaries for 1747. we resolved to pay one of our Creditors, who was much in want, though we ourselves must borrow again.

2.) Having had a negative answer from our Brethren in Tranquebar, to our joint letter, wherein we desired their assistance in lending us some money for the farther Support of this Mission. But the Missionaries here approving of this Method, that we should borrow the necessary money upon the Missionhouse, alledging that Mr. Fabricius in Madrass had done so, as also the first Missionaries in Tranquebar when they were in need had taken up some money upon their Missionhouses. We therefore resolved once more to desire the necessary Sum of Money from the Missionaries at Tranquebar, and to offer them this Missionhouse as Security. The reasons for so doing are the following. 1.) because we do not know anybody here, who would

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or could Supply us with the necessary Sum.
2.) We look upon the Missionaries in Tranquebar as our nearest friends from whom we may expect assistance in our need. 3.) Because we know they have money and are in a Condition to do us this assistance. 4.) And the Silver which now arrived from Bengall by the Royal Snow for the Tranquebar Mission, is such a considerable Sum that only half the part of it would be enough to pay our Creditors and still would remain so much, as might be sufficient for our farther Support till the arrival of the next Ships.

May 11. We resolved that one of us shall make a Journey up into the Country for 3 days to visite our Christians and to converse with the heathens.

May 20. 1.) Having had another negative answer from our Brethren in Tranquebar, to our joint

letter

letter, wherein we desired to borrow some money of them & offered them this Missionhouse for Security. We find ourselves therefore in greater distress now, since our Brethren in Tranquebar have intirely denyed us their assistance, as their Superiors in Europe have strictly forbid them not to lend any money upon houses, only promising to lend us about 50. Pagodas, which will suffice for about one months expences. We being now asked by our Creditors to pay their money, and not in a condition to do it, nor knowing by what means farther to maintain ourselves & the Mission. We took these our melancholy circumstances into consideration. And we both agreed and came to this resolution: not to dismiss any of the Children in the Charity Schools, before the arrival of the next Ships, nor any of the Servants of the Mission, but to go on uninterrupted in our business and to trust to Divine Providence, Goodness & Faithfullness. Well knowing that he who

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made heaven and Earth of nothing, can also provide whatever is necessary in these our circumstances.

2.) We resolved that the Catechist Ambrosius and the eldest Malabarian Schoolboy Andreas shall make a Journey into the Country next Munday morning for about 4 or 5 days, and shall now for this time visite those Places & Villages that lay more Southward.

May 26. We conferred upon Several particulars relating to our Schools.

June 2. 1.) We considered the great want this Mission is in, in regard to the maintaining of the Servants of the Mission and the Children in the Schools; as also the great necessity for having a Church built. And thinking that our Wants as for these particulars, might be Somewhat Sublevated by defining a Subscription for these purposes. We

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resolved also not to make any longer delays, but to desire a Subscription first in this Place, and to make the beginning to Morrow. Particularly as our Brethren in Tranquebar have in Several letters with very pressing Terms encouraged us to do so.

2.) About the taking in of Some children in the Malabarian School.

3.) About Some of our Christians.

June 9.

1.) Having made a beginning with a Subscription in this Place, and by the blessing of God Succeeded pretty well as for the beginning of it, and not doubting of further Success, we also resolved to desire a Subscription in Tranquebar for the same purposes.

2.) We considered also how we may in the best manner bring about a Subscription in Nagapatnam, but deferred this, till a further consideration

June 16.

June 16. 1.) We conferred upon the Same as in our last, & resolved to communicate our design in regard to a Subscription in Nagapatnam, to one or other of our acquaintance & Correspondents amongst the Dutch, that we may have their opinion and advice, in what manner we may best bring about this affair.

2.) We considered Some circumstances of Some families of Our Catechumens.

June 23. 1.) Having received a letter from our Brethren in Tranquebar, wherein they alledge Several reasons, why we at this time cannot desire any Subscription there, particularly as the Danish Gentelmen there have lately made a Collection of about 100. Pagod: for Mr. Fabricius in Palliacatta. We resolved not to give them any further trouble about this but to waite with patience for the assistance Divine Providence Shall please to make us.

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2.) Nevertheless we resolved to write a letter to the Secretary at Nagapatnam and desire his advice, in what manner we may best act so as to obtain a collection in that Place.

3.) Having received a Short letter from the Honble Society by the Scharborough, notifying that the Things that Should have been Sent last Year, were left behind, and now are a coming upon the Hardwick ✻ Which Ship is not yet arrived; and we find, as it seemeth by this letter, that neither the Missionaries Salaries, nor any money for the Support of the Mission is sent this Year. Being thus in our long distressed condition Still forsaken, we resolved not as yet to make any alteration by dismissing any of the servants of the Mission or Children from the Schools, but to carry on the Mission Still in all its branches uninterrupted & to rely upon Divine Providence.

✻ afterwards when this Ship the Hardwick came, she brought us nothing at all.

Jul: 30. 1.) In consideration that Kiernander has been loaded with keeping the Accounts of Receipts & disbursements for the Mission for so many Years alone, we resolved that Breithaupt shall continue to keep the Accounts for the insuing 6. Months.

2.) About our present Catechumens, and that they shall be baptized and received into our Church on the 10th of next Month.

3.) About the beginning of a new preparation with some other natives.

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