

Propagation of the Gospel in the EAST:

BEING AN
Account of the SUCCESS
OF TWO
Danish Missionaries,

Lately Sent to the
EAST-INDIES,
FOR THE
CONVERSION
OF THE
HEATHENS in MALABAR.

In several *LETTERS* to their
Correspondents in *Europe*.

CONTAINING
A NARRATIVE of their VOYAGE
to the Coast of *Coromandel*, their Settlement at *Tran-
quebar*, the Divinity and Philosophy of the *Malaba-
rians*, their Language and Manners, the Impediments
obstructing their Conversion, the several Methods
taken by these *Missionaries*, the wonderful Provi-
dences attending them, and the Progress they have
already made.

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PART I.

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Voyage to the Cape of Good-Hope. 13

us at the same time a fair Opportunity, to thank God the more fervently for the great Mercies conferr'd upon us Christians beyond these Wretches.

We found here Mr. *Colben*, a Student from *Hall*, sent hither from *Berlin* by the Lord Privy-Counsellor *Crofeck*, to make Astronomical Observations in this Place the whole Year throughout. We took up our Lodging with a Student from *Coningsberg*. The 25th of *April*, we went up the *Lion-Mountain*, (so called) which is extraordinary high. And because we got up quite alone, we sung some spiritual Hymns to the Praise and Glory of God, in Consideration of his manifold Goodness. The *Taffel* and *Devil's-Mountain*, as they call it, being excessive high, we forbore to ascend. Truly we think, one has a World of Reason to be surpris'd at the marvellous Works of God, so conspicuously display'd in Nature.

The *Dutch East-India* Company has an extraordinary fine and spacious Garden here, stored with all manner of rare and precious Plants. We saw in it strange kinds of Beasts ; as a *Sea-Cow*, resembling much the Description given by *Job* of *Behemoth*; a *Rhinoceros*, almost as big as an Elephant ; an *Elk*, a *Wild-Horse*, being in part white and red streaked ; a *Mouſe-Dog*, *Badgers*, *Wild Goats* with crooked Horns ; likewise *Harts* quite differing in Shape from those in *Europe* ; *Lions*, *Fishes*, with strong sharp-edged Prickles instead of Fins. One of them had a Bump under the Belly, which when blown up, the Prickles rose up to that Degree, that no Body durst touch him. There was also at the same time a Fish caught in a Net, of so virulente a Poison, that if one touch'd him only with his shoe, he could