

*Propagation of the Gospel
in the EAST:*

PART II.

Containing a further
ACCOUNT of the PROGRESS

made by some
Missionaries to Tranquebar,
Upon the Coast of

COROMANDEL,

For the Conversion of the

Malabarians;

Of the METHODS by them taken,
for the effecting of this great Work;
of the Obstructions they meet with in
it; and of the Proposals which they
make.

TOGETHER WITH

Some Observations relating to the *Malabarian*
Philosophy and Divinity: And concerning
their *Bramans, Pantares, and Poets.*

*Translated and Extracted from the Original Letters
of the said Missionaries lately arrived: And
most humbly Recommended to the Consideration of
the most Honourable CORPORATION for the
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this Place through the whole Year. We took up our Lodging with a Student from *Coningsberg*. The 25th of *April*, we were upon the so called *Lion-Mountain*, which is extraordinary lofty. 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 *Tassel-* and *Devil's-Mountain*, as they call it, being excessively 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 here an extraordinary fine and spacious Garden, 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 Body, which when blown up, the Pricks 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 diffusive a Poison, that if one touch'd him only with his Shoe, he could not walk for some time upon that Foot, feeling a sensible pain struck thro' the whole Body. The Seamen could not remember that they ever saw such another. Besides this, the Country affords very good Corn with other Fruits, but their Crop was already gathered in *January* last. Their Winter had now begun; but it was even then so warm, as

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