

*Propagation of the Gospel in the EAST:*

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**Account of the SUCCESS**  
 O F T W O  
*Danish Missionaries,*  
 Lately sent to the  
**EAST-INDIES,**  
 F O R T H E  
**CONVERSION**  
 O F T H E  
**HEATHENS in MALABAR.**

 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 Philology 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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OF TWO  
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OF THE  
HEATHENS *in* MALABAR.

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LETTER I.

*Containing an Account of their Voyage from  
Denmark to the Cape of Good-Hope.*

**T**HE further we find our selves remo-  
ved from you, by the wonderful Pro-  
vidence of God, the more fervent and  
sincere grows our Love and Affection  
to you; being assured, that as we remember you  
before God, and in our daily Conversation,  
our mutual Joy and Comfort; so you, accord-  
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As at the same time a fair Opportunity, to thank God the more fervently for the great Mercies concurr'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 *Crosek*, to make Astronomical Observations in this Place the whole Year throughout: We took up our Lodging with a Student from *Coningsberg*. The 25<sup>th</sup> 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 pretious 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 read 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 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 diffusive a Poison, that if one touch'd him only with his Shoe, he could

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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 it useth to be with us in the hottest Summer-Days. The whole Country, with all its Product, is very healthy.

We hope to sail from hence in a few Days, to draw near the *East-Indies*. The Lord be with us, as he has been hitherto, and accompany us with the Protection of his holy Angels ! May he keep us in his Fear, and grant us to walk constantly in the Way of Truth ! May he give us a holy Boldness to spread the good Savour of his Knowledge every where, that his Name be praised in and by us, his Kingdom enlarged, and his Will be done wholly and perfectly ! And now, dear Friends and Brethren, be ye also heartily committed to the Grace and Love of God. The Lord support you by his divine Power in the daily Discharge of that Function, he has entrusted you with. May he inspire you with Courage, and an unshaken Presence of Mind, to carry on the Work of Reformation, without fainting ; and reward at last your Fidelity with temporal and eternal Blessings ! Remember us to your Families, and to all them that are united to us in Love. The Lord Jesus be with your Spirit. *Amen.* We remain

*Yours, &c.*

*Dated in Africa, from  
the Cape of Good Hope.  
April the 30th, 1706.*

*Bartholomew Ziegenbalgh.  
Henry Plutsch.*

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