

36 *An Answer to Dr. MAYHEW's Observations.*

Suggestions, that the Missionaries told what Stories they would, and the Society believed them without Examination, or wilfully neglected this Part of their Business. Without entering into the subsequent Particulars of this *Indian Undertaking*, I shall only say in general, that other Missionaries were sent afterwards, and with some Effect, down to the Year 1735, when the first mentioned Mr. *Barclay*, went, of whose Mission alone the Doctor is pleased to take Notice, because he thinks it will afford Matter of Objection.

Accordingly he alledges, that Mr. *Barclay* had not *half a proper Support*, but *the Mission was starved*. For Mr. *Serjeant*, a Missionary from the Society incorporated in 1661, reports from a Letter of Mr. *Barclay*, that *he had but a scanty Allowance*, (i. e. from the Society) and *could obtain no Salary for an Interpreter or Schoolmaster* *. And Mr. *Barclay* himself saith in a Letter, *June 11, 1736*, that *he laboured under great Disadvantage for want of an Interpreter, which could he but enjoy for two or three Years, he should be Master of the Indian Language* †. Now when Mr. *Barclay* wrote these Letters, of which I know nothing but from the Doctor, he was not a Missionary but a Catechist only. And though he had, as he saith, but a scanty Allowance, i. e. 30*l.* a Year from the Society, yet he expected further *Encouragement* from them; and the Assembly of *New York* had also voted him 30*l.* a Year, which may account for the Smallness of the Society's Allowance. Only he had not received either of the Salaries §. But before the End of the same Year, he wrote to the Society, that he had made himself Master of the *Mohock* Language, which probably induced them to think an Interpreter unnecessary. The next Year they raised his Salary to 50*l.* Why he desired in 1740 an Interpreter, as well as a Schoolmaster, appears not; but in the same Year a Schoolmaster was allowed him. That the Society should be cautious and frugal in the first Trial of a young Man, after so many Disappointments, is far from being strange. And the Expence of an Interpreter for two or three Years, which is all that Mr. *Barclay* wished, could not possibly be grudged, in Order to save so trifling a Sum towards a more favourite

* Pag. 101.

† p. 102.

§ p. 102, 103.