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"WATCH YE, STAND FAST IN THE FAITH, QUIT YOU LIKE MEN, BE STRONG; LET ALL YOUR THINGS BE DONE WITH CHARITY." 1 Cor. xvi, 13, 14.

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A BRIEF VIEW OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL AFFAIRS OF INDIA FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE FIRST MISSION CONNECTED WITH THE SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIAN KNOWLEDGE, TO THE ERECTION OF THE SEE OF CALCUTTA.

THE first attempt to extend the blessings of scriptural Christianity to the Asiatic world, through the means of Protestant Missionaries, was made under the auspices of the Danish government. This benevolent design was commenced in the year 1705, when Bartholomew Ziegenbalg, a young man of considerable learning, and eminent piety, educated at the university of Halle in Germany, and ordained by Burmannus, bishop of Zealand, sailed for India. He was accompanied by Henry Plutcho. Having reached their destination the following year, these two eminent missionaries established themselves at Tranquebar, on the coast of Coromandel, a fort and factory belonging to the Danes. Immediately after his arrival, Ziegenbalg applied himself to the study of the language of the country, and with such success, that in a few years he obtained a classical knowledge of it; and the colloquial tongue became as familiar to him as his own. The natives, who were of a disposition extremely inquisitive, and possessed