

ST. THOMAS.



St THOMAS was a Jew, by trade a fisherman. He was a zealous and affectionate disciple of his blessed Master, but slow of belief. He preached to the Magi, or learned men of Persia, travelled through Æthiopia and in India, and preached there to the Brachmans, instructing them in the principles of christianity, and prevailed with many to renounce their superstitions, and embrace the faith of Christ: A church is extant there to this day. He built a church at Maliapur, where also he wrought several miracles, by which he converted the prince and many of the people.

St. Thomas used frequently to retire to a tomb near Maliapur, where he was at last followed by some jealous Brachmans, who found him at prayer; they there dispatched him with darts and stones, and running a lance through his body. He was buried in the church of his own founding.