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Some PARTICULARS of the OFFICER MURDERED by the MALAYS.

In relating on Saturday the fortunate escape of a party in one of the boats of the Lansdown Indiaman among the Malay islands, we mentioned, that the first object which presented itself on their arrival at the shore, was the body of a British officer marked with innumerable wounds. Such funeral honours as their fituation would admit, they paid, during which they were joined by fome of the natives of the illand, who informed them, that the person who was the subject of their diffres had a few days before landed with some Lascars, and under the idea of perfect security, had gone a little distance into the woods. The Prows, however, that had attempted to cut off the boat of the Landdown, observing them, immediately made for the fliore, and they not being able to attign a cause, fell on them with desperate ferocity. The Lafears, unarmed, fought fafety in flight, but the Englishman, with his pistols and fivord, made a gallant defence, till receiving a polgnard between the neck and the shoulder-bone, he fell, and was deftroyed in an inflant. 'He was a subaltern in the service of the India Company, and had come from a brig, which for fome time had been employed in the country trade, comminded by Captain Parker. During this recital, an old man, of a better appearance, evinced strong marks of apprehention, and on the departure of one who had called him father, he acknowledged that on observing his son go behind the officer of the party, he expected every infinit to have feen him, according to the cuffern of the country, flrike his poignard Letween the officer's flouiders.