

*HIS MAJESTY'S SHIP CATO.*

We are given to understand that some circumstances have been brought to light, and communicated to the Board of Admiralty, which serve to account in some measure for the loss of his Majesty's ship CATO, commanded by Admiral Sir HYDE PARKER, which was dispatched to the East Indies during the last war, and has never since been heard of. If this account be true, we are fearful that it may only tend still further to wound the feelings of those who are relatives to the unfortunate crew of that ship, from the apprehension of the miseries they have undergone—from falling into the hands of a very savage race of people. The following particulars of this affair have transpired :—

A Captain BURN, an Englishman, who commands a vessel in the service of the NABOB of ARCOR, and who is employed to convey the Pilgrims on their annual visit to Mecca, when there last season, was going on shore, and saw a boat belonging to a Malay vessel then lying in the same place, with a man in her, baling out the water. From the make of the bucket, he knew it must have belonged to a British ship. He accordingly rowed along-side of her, and saw the CATO's name painted on the bucket. Struck with the sight, he immediately inquired of the Malay, how he came by the bucket? who told him, that some years ago, a large ship was wrecked upon the Malabar coast, and most of the people got safe on shore; but that, by the order of the Malay King, the major part of them were immediately put to death. Captain BURN, after receiving this information, went on board the Malay ship, and there saw the CATO's mainmast, and a quantity of British cordage, and other sails, that had formerly belonged to the above unfortunate ship. The Malay vessel was almost entirely rigged with the CATO's stores.

Captain BURN, when on-board the Malay, made some inquiries relative to the number of the CATO's ship's company that had survived the massacre, but could obtain no satisfactory answer; and the next day, when he intended going again on board the Malay, he found she had, in the course of the night, dropt some miles from where she lay the preceding day.

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