

A letter from Batavia of the 15th of December last says,—“A most daring attempt was made a short time ago to assassinate Lieutenants PEARSON and FRANKMAN, who are on duty at Palambang. These Gentlemen were walking together in the middle of the day, and close to one of the guards, when a Malay walked up to Mr. PEARSON, and immediately made a thrust at his breast. Fortunately for Mr. P. the point of the *krrese* struck upon the key of his writing desk, which was suspended round his neck by a ribband, and he fell back from the blow, when this desperate wretch made an attack on Mr. FRANKMAN. The first blow he gave, that Gentleman fell, and the assassin made four other stabs at him. At this moment the guard came up, and immediately dispatched the Malay. Mr. F. is, however, recovered from his wounds.”