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By the ship *William and John*, arrived at New York from Canton, we learn that the Malays had attacked the Dutch settlement at Minto, in Banca and Gaspar Straits, but had been repulsed. A number of proas filled with Malay pirates had attacked a brig belonging to the Dutch company; the brig, after having met with a severe loss, made her escape. These pirates had become exceedingly troublesome to merchant vessels. A piratical ship, said to be American built, of 28 guns, and a crew of all nations, was cruising among the "Thousand Islands," and plundering every vessel she fell in with: some American vessels had been robbed by her.