

CEYLON.

On Friday last the brig *Prime*, Capt. Lewis, arrived from Penang, with 28 Malay recruits for his Majesty's 1st Ceylon regiment.

"From Capt. Lewis we have heard the following deplorable account of the brig *Wilhelmina*, belonging to Ceylon. About the middle of last January Capt. Onetto, who commanded her, sailed from Penang with a crew consisting chiefly of Javanese, whom he had picked up in that port. On the second or third day of his voyage, the Javanese, 8 in number, massacred the Captain, his wife, some of their relations who were on board, 2 passengers, their servants, and the rest of the crew. The cruel villains, after perpetrating these atrocious murders, plundered the vessel, scuttled her, and landed in the jolly boat on the Pedir coast, at the port of Merdoo, where they were received and protected by the Chief. Here they soon quarrelled about the spoil, and one of them who had got some of Mrs. Onetto's jewels, ran away to Pedir. The King of Acheen suspecting the truth of the story which he told of his having been shipwrecked, had him searched, when the jewels were found upon him: he was ordered into confinement, and upon being threatened he confessed the barbarous deed. The King of Acheen, Jehan Allum Shah, demanded the other 7 accomplices from the chief of Merdoo, who refused to give them up. It is the King's intention to deliver his prisoner to Sir T. S. Raffles, who was daily expected on that coast. The greater part of the Pedir coast is infested with pirates; two vessels have lately been plundered, and it is dangerous for any one that is not well manned and armed to lie in a roadstead there.—*Ceylon Government Gazette, March 20.*