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INDIA TOPICS.

The following extract of a letter from Bombay, dated 1st February, may be interesting to some of our commercial readers :—

“The first lot of this day's opium sale was knocked down at 2005 Rs. and the last at 9.0 Rs.—the average of the sale is 1971 Rs.—27 reas; the next sale which takes place on the 1st of March, will go at considerably less prices.

Most of the opium of the first sale is likely to be shipped immediately for China on the Bombay Castle

We have advices of a large supply being ready for shipment at Damann to the extent of about 500 chests.”

Scarcely a paper (says the *Hurkaru* of Feb. 20) we now receive from the Eastward, is free from some account of piracy in the eastern seas. Considering the facilities we possess for the prevention of piracy, it is astonishing that we should be so slow in applying them. We have now eight or nine steamers for the Hooghly, any one or two of which would, by being slightly armed and well manned, be more than a match for, and of course be sure to overtake any of the Malay pirates; and yet the idea of employing any of them does not appear to have been entertained.