

On Tuesday morning, about the hour of 3 O'clock, a daring attempt was made by a Bencoolen Malay to rob the residence of Dr. Oxley of the H. C. Medical service. The thief contrived, by means of a ladder which he found in the compound, to enter the window of a closet adjoining the bed-room, in which Dr. Oxley slept; and he was just retiring with a prize of a desk containing a sum of money, and some private papers, when the Doctor heard a noise, and entering the closet, seized the thief. The latter however shook him off, and as he appeared armed, Dr. Oxley sprang across the room for a double-barrelled fowling-piece, which was convenient; but before he could reach it, the thief jumped from the window, at a height of not less than 15 feet. Whilst recovering from the effects of the fall, Dr. Oxley had time to discharge one barrel at him, but without effect; the fellow then made for the wall, though it was protected with broken glass, & had just reached the top, when Dr. Oxley fired the other barrel, & lodged most of the small shot with which it was loaded in his shoulders and back. The fellow though wounded, still got over the wall, and took to his heels, but was shortly after taken by a convict in Dr. Oxley's service.

The sheath of a criss was found near the spot where he dropt from the window, and on being seized, he struck at his captor with a criss, but without inflicting any serious injury.

We believe two of the servants connected with the house are implicated in this desperate attempt at robbery.