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We are sorry to learn that in consequence of the numerous piratical prowls which are now hovering on the Eastern Malay Coast the owners and na- quodahs of the boats which constantly trade be- tween this port and *Pahang, Tringanu, &c.* can get no Opium or other goods, to purchase, on credit, as heretofore, and are in fact, prevented from proceeding on their accustomed voyages. The merchant will not risk his goods without there is proper security against piracy, which does not exist at present; and the trader himself will not expose his life and property to certain attack and perhaps loss of both, from pirates, by ventur- ing along the coast. This is a melancholy state of things, and we hope the Government will en- deavour to remedy it, as speedily as possible.

We are informed that pirates still infest the Straits of Malacca, in numbers. An attempt was made lately to capture *Hoguan's Tope*, while pro- ceeding to Malacca, but after an exchange of a few shots, she distanced her pursuers, being a fast sailer.

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