

## FURTHER PIRACIES.

The *Corsair* has brought our Pinang papers to the 27th ultimo, and we remark that the Pirates had lately been in great force near the Dindings, so much so that the boats of H. M. Ship *Rose* had met with a stout resistance, and retired without being able to disperse them,—the boats having been recalled on the failure of day light. The *Rose* appears to have returned to Pinang without further offensive operations, and as no cause is assigned, we imagine the pirates had taken the advantage of the dark and decamped to some of their numerous haunts. We regret to add that one of the European Sailors had been severely wounded on the occasion from the fire of the pirates. The *Rose* we observe had since left Pinang for Calcutta. H. M. Ship *Wolf*, Captain Stanley, had arrived at that Island, and it was expected that she and the *Zephyr* would continue a vigorous pursuit after these depredators. We hope if fortune should cast them upon a fleet of boats such as the *Rose* has been represented to have chased, that a severe chastisement will be inflicted upon them, and that none may be captured from mistaken motives of leniency, after an hostile aggression has once been made by them. In the absence of any jurisdiction to take notice of their piratical acts, it is almost to be regretted that they should not be made to suffer the consequences of their temerity and which they would inflict upon others were they able to obtain the mastery. Private letters inform us that the *Monarch* had left Pinang, and that letters of earnest remonstrance had been forwarded from the Local Authorities to the Supreme Government to adopt immediate measures for the effectual extermination of these plundering murderers from the Straits. When such assistance does arrive it will not be before it is absolutely wanted, for from all the accounts we can glean, the straits from one end to the other is completely infested with all descriptions of pirates. Indeed we have recently had an instance of a piratical attack on the 28th ultimo upon a trading prow proceeding to Borneo from this port having been attacked a short distance from the harbour, so near that the sound of their cannonading was distinctly heard by many on shore and afloat. Two men were killed and others wounded, and the boat from her shattered condition compelled to return for repairs!! We subjoin the two following items from the *Pinang Gazette* of 20th and 27th ult. respecting the movements and operations of the Pirates in the vicinity of that Island; and although Piracy and its

repression is a *state* subject in the Straits, and one which the Supreme Government apparently views with careless indifference, still as we think by constantly exhibiting the injurious effects of this unconcernedness on the part of those who should render the requisite protection, they ultimately prove of some avail,—we will continue to make our columns a record of all piracies that may come to our knowledge or through that of our contemporaries in the Straits.

We are rather disappointed in not being able to give our readers a satisfactory account of the expedition against the Piratical force we alluded to in our last. H. M. S. *Rose*, returned to her anchorage on Sunday last, having, as we hear, chased a fleet of large and small prows as close in with the Dindings as she could go. Her boats continued the pursuit, but the pirates shewed so numerous and formidable a front (two or three of them carrying each about a hundred men) and apparently so strong a position that evening coming on, it was not thought prudent to close with them in shore. An incessant fire was kept up for some time from the boat's carronade and small arms and was supposed to have told well on the enemy, as their musketry, used with less precision, is said to have severely wounded one of the *Rose's* sailors. It was anticipated that on the arrival of H. M. Ship *Wolf* she would have been joined by the *Rose* and the *Zephyr* (recalled for the purpose) and with them formed a grand expedition to the Dindings; but the *Rose* sailed for Calcutta on Thursday last, for the purpose, we understand of being, with two other Sloops of war, at the disposal of the Supreme Government for the conveyance of Treasure: rendered necessary by the calling in of the old and circulating the new Rupees.

“After the termination of the Coroner's inquest held on the body of the Malay man who was killed by pirates as reported in our last, we understood that a native of Keda, named *Jaffar*, deposed at the Police office that he had been captured about two months ago by five pirates in a *Sampan* off N. W. point of the island and put in a large boat (lying with two others at a short distance) on board of which he recognized several other captives belonging to this place and Province Wellesley. The pirates afterwards proceeded to the southern extremity of the island and thence across to Tanjong Peandang, where all the captives were removed into a larger boat, and in a few hours the whole fleet sailed for Pulo Talam, at which place the pirates hauled up and repaired their largest boat proceeding afterwards to the little Dindings, where they continued for a fortnight, the smaller boats going out occasionally to plunder and capture defenceless traders.—Their next cruize was to the Sambelang and Tanjong Tuan at which latter place *Jaffar* made his escape to Lingie and Malacca. It appears from *Jaffar's* statement that the pirates who numbered about sixty, and the captives, men, women and children, eighty, were well supplied with provisions and had a depot of rice at the Dindings and that they were all from Gallang. The immediate despatch of the *Zephyr* in quest of these pirates, and the departure of H. M. Sloop *Rose*, the day after she anchored in the harbour from her last cruize, will we hope bring some good account of the marauders.

