

**PIRACY IN THE STRAITS.**

To the Editor of the Canton Register.  
Canton, August 22d, 1835.

SIR,—We beg to hand you a copy of a letter which has been addressed by our friends, Messrs. Cockerell and Co, to the Chamber of Commerce of Calcutta, together with the answer of the Governor General thereto, on the subject of the late daring attacks which have been made by the Malay pirates upon the commerce of the straits, and have to request you will give early insertion to the same in your paper.

We are, Sir,  
your obedient servants,  
BELL and Co.

Calcutta, June 18, 1835.

W. LIMOND, Esq.

Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce.

SIR,—In adverting to the numerous cases of piracy of recent occurrence in the Straits, and the daring disposition of the pirates, by accounts brought up by the "Agnes;" encouraged no doubt by the absence of all protection to the very valuable trade (perhaps the most valuable in any part of the world) of which those seas are the channel; considering, also, the increasing importance of this branch of British and Indian commerce, and that the most valuable part of it is conducted in vessels of small size.

We take the liberty to submit to the Chamber, the expediency of applying to the supreme government for the appointment of one or more armed vessels, either of the Indian Navy or of His Majesty's shipping in the straits, for the protection of said trade.

We have the honor to be, Sir,  
your obedient servants,  
COCKERELL and Co.

W. LIMOND, Esq.

Secretary to the Chamber of Commerce.

SIR,—I am directed by the Honourable the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated 20th instant, on the subject of the increase of piracy in the straits of Malacca, and in reply to acquaint you that the late depredations on the commerce of the eastern settlements by the Malay pirates, will be brought to the notice of His Excellency the naval commander in chief, and that authority be requested to despatch a ship of war to the straits, there to be stationed for the protection of trade.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
your obedient servant,  
G. A. BUSHBY,  
Secretary to Government.