

*Nauticus* will observe his communication in another column, and we beg to draw the attention not only of the local authorities but of the whole community to its contents. Our correspondent appears either to have been an eye-witness of that which he narrates, or derives his information from those who were, and knowing or understanding such a system as that of which he reports or complains to exist in the immediate neighbourhood of a British Settlement, we do not feel surprised in the least at his astonishment, or that of any reasonable person, at the determined neglect of the trading interests of this community, and the apparent callous disposition of the Bengal authorities at the wholesale destruction of both life and property, which has been hitherto so openly practised in the day, upon the open seas in this neighbourhood, and so very repeatedly brought to their attention with an effect which would lead many to suppose that the common feelings of humanity was a commodity which had been lapsed by considerations of less public importance, perhaps politically defensible however morally censurable, and that our rulers are at issue with this community as to the most advantageous pecuniary mode of furnishing "security to friends and allies trading to British ports," and in the probable anxiety to do that effectually, the more trifling consideration of the sacrifice of "human life and property" appears to be altogether dismissed from remembrance. The courtesy of *Nauticus* in supposing the probability "that the Supreme Government is unacquainted with the extent of piracy" as perpetrated in these parts, and necessarily, upon that ignorance, ac-

quitted of the consequences, would perhaps not be misapplied, if the fact was so in reality; but when he is informed that by a public petition, wherein this community submitted the magnitude and injurious extent that evil had attained and prayed relief for its permanent suppression, our correspondent will have little difficulty in discovering the *somewhere* that *blame* should attach, and that too, quite exclusively of the question whether the local authorities had used any diligence, which we believe has been employed, in the matter. Perhaps the Supreme Government may be fairly absolved from any *neglect* in not conferring an admiralty jurisdiction upon our Court of Judicature, inasmuch as, we conceive, they do not possess that power. If they could bestow so important a boon and would not, it might be said they neglected it because, it might it not release them from the obligation they would still be under to maintain an effective marine in keeping down piracies, or apprehending such offenders and bringing them here for condemnation.—The concession of admiralty jurisdiction will under present circumstances proceed in all probability from England, but it is to be earnestly hoped that the Supreme Government will no longer view the subject of piracy as an affair of secondary concernment, and that any aid in its eradication must be only concurrent with the future success of the application for an admiralty jurisdiction, and that while we do not possess authority to try and convict for piratical offences, that it would be labour and money lost in checking and suppressing their occurrence at sea. *Nauticus* has given some idea of the destruction of both life and property which manifests itself along the shores between Palo Tingie, the Romania Islands, and Bintang, and his account will be read with a melancholy interest by all our readers who have not dispossessed themselves of all feelings of commiseration and sympathy in the misfortunes of their fellow-beings.

We feel highly gratified at the manner *Nauticus* commends the exertions of Capt. Congalton and Mr. Mitchell (his officer) in co-operation with Captain Stanley and the officers of the *Wolf*. We have long known both Messieurs Congalton and Mitchell, and believe the East India Company have not two more zealous and meritorious men in their employ, whose assistance in services such as they have been lately engaged in are of so much public advantage, and which we are pleased to see so properly acknowledged and appreciated. It is to be hoped that no long time will elapse before we again witness the *Wolf* in conjunction with the *Zephyr* in the "good work," though an irksome and fatiguing one, of pirate hunting.

In conclusion, we beg to subjoin an extract from the log of H. M. Ship *Wolf*, politely forwarded to us by Captain Stanley, which contains an authentic detail of events in the last craze against pirates between the 20th. and 26th. ultimo.