

We have been informed, while the Bark *Donna Carmelita* was on her passage from Calcutta to this port, and laying becalmed off Polo Pisang in the evening of the 17th instant, that Captain Edward observed a very large prahu also laying there, but at some distance from his ship. The Captain did not think of paying any particular attention to the vicinity of the stranger, until about midnight his notice was attracted by the splash as of a boat well manned pulling very quickly towards the vessel. Some musketry loaded with ball were now ordered on deck, and ultimately discharged at her by way of intimidation, but without effecting that object. The prahu still continued to pull towards the vessel, and when close too some grape shot was discharged at her, and sheering off immediately afterwards, it is concluded considerable damage must have been done. Captain Edwards, it is said, saw several large prahus in shore of him, but having other thoughts perhaps of pirates, he apparently cared very little about them, knowing his own strength and ability to resist any open attack; but all vessels are not equally prepared for even an open attack, much less for any surprise they might receive during the night, and in that case one boat, such as came on the *Carmelita*, would have carried her at once.