

The amusing letter of our Pinang correspondent P. P, we beg to submit to our readers attention, as giving a full account of the causes of the late false alarm of an invasion of Pinang by the King of Quedah, backed by his friends the Rajah of Perak and the Heir Apparent, and doubtless the pompous preparations made for its resistance, will have the desired effect to raise the British name high in the estimation of these Malay Princes, when they learn, what a state of terror and apprehension the very sound of their titles creates at a certain station in the straits. Some two months ago, we did hear some rumour of an intended attack to be made upon this settlement by pirates;—but the minds of most men here are so amply occupied with business of one description or another, that there is no room for the workings of imagination, and although it was a fearful contemplation the having one's throat cut when asleep, we do not know any one who evinced the least apprehension of so direful a catastrophe happening. We believe that the meditated atrocity was through some channel communicated to the local Authority here, but did not learn that he grew pale upon it;—nor did we perceive any symptom of military preparation beyond the usual routine of guard-mounting;—nor did any whispers reach us of calling out the MILITIA!!—Nor was any mummery to keep the peace proclaimed! Every thing after the report proceeded in the same even tenor as before it, and no calamity befell the land; and ever any does befall it, the cause will be more easily traced perhaps to the internal administration of the government itself, than to any external cause.

That the settlement might be attacked suddenly, and a great amount of injury perpetrated before assistance could be obtained for the restoration of order there can be no denying, but we must look for that contingency to men of different character and caliber than Malay pirates are made of.

We are greatly obliged to P. P. for the entertainment he has given us, and only hope he will continue to give us a faithful report of Pinang occurrences, resting assured that a space will always be found for such agreeable contributions.