

H. M. S. *Andromache*, Captain Chads, had sailed from Saugor on the 11th, ult. to be employed, it is understood, in the suppression of piracies in the Straits, and it is further alleged, that until a Steamer could be built, we presume by the government, to co-operate with any of his Majesty's ships which may be stationed in the Straits for that particular purpose, the commander of the *Andromache* had authority from the Supreme government to employ the Steamer *Jardine*. From the unfortunate accident which happened to the *Jardine* on a late excursion to Malacca, the prospect, we once entertained, of her being so employed, we very much fear, may now be said, to have entirely vanished. From what we have learned through another source, the authority of Captain Chads is not exactly limited to the employment of the *Jardine*, or subject to any particular contingency, but is stated to be capable of extension to the hiring of other boats or vessels sufficient for any purposes of co-operation in the suppression of piracies that officer may consider necessary, and all this

good is to befall us without even the most distant allusion to a levy of duties. We trust the result may not disappoint the present pleasant aspect of affairs, in as much as it regards the imposition of duties upon the trade at these Settlements; and as respects the proceedings of Captain Chads, we have no apprehension that an able and experienced officer would overlook any point in his instructions that might have any tendency to cramp or render his intended operations against the pirates ineffective. That at the present moment any extraordinary exertion should be used against piratical depredations, their infrequency for some time past is a sufficient intimation that they have for a season been satiated with plunder, and have gone home to enjoy it among their families; but without an available check being in readiness, we may certainly look for their re-appearance in their usual force and vigour ere long. We trust, therefore, that any arrangements, for the general suppression of the Straits piracy system, will be of a more simultaneous description and consequently of a more permanent and effectual order, than the limited means hitherto within command have enabled the local authorities to exert, and that while we happen to have an armed vessel or an occasional coadjutor at this end of the Straits, a different division of the marauders suddenly discover themselves at the other, and so on alternately to their own profit although to the infinite and certain detriment of the trade resorting to British ports. Without a force co-existent and co-active at all points, any attempt towards an effectual suppression of the favourite and matured system of piracy will assuredly be without the intended efficacy, and that both labour and money, perhaps life, will be expended without any material diminution of the evil.

Letters from Calcutta in May state that a Steamer, is now building there for the government, and that on her completion, government intend placing her under the orders of Captain Chads; but the consummation of that happy event is yet so distant, when we take into consideration the failure of that miserable craft the *Manian* also intended for the Straits, that it is a view of futurity which gives any thing but a flattering prospect of the efficiency of any steam assistance immediately from Bengal, and might lead many to imagine it less injurious to disbelieve than provocative to the public to yield credence to any anticipations of the kind intentions of our Supreme rulers previous to their actual manifestation.—Captain Chads, we learn, is now cruising in the Straits of Dindig, and perhaps no long time will elapse before the *Andromache* makes her appearance at this port, when we shall doubtless discover the full extent of the benefits intended to be bestowed upon the Straits public.—