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Extract from a letter dated Manila 10th May.
We regret to state that accounts have been just received, that the Malay Pirates have boldly landed on the coasts of Pangasinang and Ylocos, burned several villages, taken a number of natives prisoners, who are doomed to slavery, and also captured a ponton laden with rice. We apprehend that more depredations will be committed, before the Government armed craft can get at the rovers. It is but justice to state that the Governor has done all in his power, with the limited marine of these Islands, to check and destroy the pirates, and we yet hope the Fleet of Faluas, now in pursuit will give a good account of them, ere they leave the coast of Luconia.

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The *Colon* from Manila is said to have brought the news of twenty four piratical prahus having attacked, off the Corragidor, a Manila Gunboat, commanded by Lieut. Elliot an Englishman, in the Spanish service. They bore down upon the Gunboat in the form of a half moon, two prahus having flags to distinguish the first and second commanders, evidently with the purpose to surround the Gunboat. Lieut. Elliot was fortunate enough, first to sink the prahu of the principal commander with a well-directed shot from his swivel, and next that of the second commander, when the other prahus sheered off. Some boats soon afterwards came to the Gunboat's assistance, in pursuit of the Pirates, but no trace of them could be found. Lieut. Elliot has for this gallant action been promoted to the rank of Captain.

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