

Our intelligence from Rhio to 25th inst. informs us that H. M. S. *Andromache* had arrived at that port on the morning of that date, and that Mr. Bonham and Captain Chads had landed after paying a short official visit to the authorities, and again returned on board within an hour. Our informant does not even hint where the *Andromache* was next to proceed, but by subsequent accounts which have reached this station it is known that she directed her course to Gallang, a short distance from Rhio and destroyed the whole establishment of Malay pirates there. Two hundred of these marauders are said to have been slain, and their village burnt to the ground. The cause of this severe example we have not yet ascertained, but we have no doubt that it was justly inflicted.

Gallang, as our readers are aware from the very frequent notices we have made of it, has long been a celebrated and convenient resort for pirates, and from its proximity to Rhio, we have been always surprised that our active friends the Dutch had never attempted any measures for their eradication. Hitherto, the impression on our mind has been, that our Rhio neighbours had generally taken a more active part against pirates than the British government, and we shall, therefore, be unwilling to at once receive as fact the rumour which is current in the place that the decisive measures adopted by the British commissioners are not over and above agreeable to them, and that the speculators in blood and plunder begin to entertain serious apprehensions that the profits of their hitherto lucrative trade will be entirely annihilated. We fervently hope, if there in reality be any reason to believe that such monsters exist,—who have been fattening on the fruits of violence and plunder committed in these seas under perhaps the fostering care of a civilized and christian government,—that their apprehensions may be realized. We feel assured the time has now arrived when the disgraceful system of piracy will, by the British government, be no longer permitted with impunity, and that while the power for its suppression continues vested in the present judicious selection of commissioners we entertain the most favourable results. The Sultan of Lingin, perhaps, may be the personage the commissioners will next visit, and if they possess any positive proof against him as being an upholder of piracy among his subjects and a participator in the profits of so diabolical a system, it is to be desired that he should receive such a lesson from the commissioners as will give him a hearty disrelish to the trade for the future.—It is to be regretted the pirates captured lately at the Arroas and who acknowledge him as their liege lord, were not taken thither by the commissioners, for with respect to the prisoners the event would have been both speedy and sure, and none could have maintained that they suffered unjustly.