

A more correct knowledge of the facts connected with Captain QUIN's return from Rhio in H. M. Sloop of War *Raleigh*, than we possessed while referring to that circumstance in our last number, has since been communicated to us, and which it is of course incumbent on us to impart to our readers, as we were then led into a strain of observation on the subject which could not have proceeded from us in our present state of information.

It appears that on Captain QUIN's arrival at Rhio, he announced his intention of proceeding to Lingin with the dispatches he had in charge from the Commissioners for the Rajah of that place, and that he had his orders to deliver them in person. It was intimated to Captain QUIN by the Resident that he was proceeding on a needless journey, as

the Rajah of Lingin was daily expected at Rhio; but this intelligence did not dissuade Captain QUIN from his original intention, and he sent in an official letter making it known that he still resolved on going to Lingin, and he was on the point of sailing when certain tidings were brought that the Rajah was then only a few miles distant, which determined Captain QUIN on remaining where he was, and the following day was appointed for holding his conference with the Rajah. In the afternoon of the same day, Capt. QUIN exercised the *Raleigh's* boats in manœuvring and firing at a target, and the Rajah, who was approaching at the time with his fleet, on board of which there were upwards of 300 women and children, became alarmed at these appearances, and, all unseen by the author of his fears, put back! The Resident of Rhio on ascertaining this circumstance, and conceiving that he could most effectually dissipate the rajah's fears and prevail upon him to come on, set out in the evening and the Master Attendant after him, with these intentions, but, encountering squalls and currents, did not reach the Rajah's fleet until next morning, and it was not until the evening of that day that he could return to Rhio, being detained by the slow motions of the Rajah, when the hour appointed for Captain QUIN's conference was long past. Meantime Capt. QUIN at the appointed time had gone on shore in full equipment, and in confident expectation of seeing the Resident, and was, as might be supposed, a good deal surprised and disconcerted at finding neither him nor the Master Attendant, and he repaired to the house of Mr. WALBEHM, the second in authority at the Settlement, whom he found in his *negligé* and nowise expecting the honor of such a visit. The explanation of the cause of the Resident's absence which Capt. Q. received here was not deemed by him at all satisfactory, and he went on board of his ship and weighed anchor in considerable displeasure at the occurrence of the day.

Such is the history—as received from a quarter having at least the means of giving the correct one—of the circumstances which occasioned Captain QUIN's misapprehension of the conduct of the Resident of Rhio, and under the influence of which he still remains, as he set out in search of the *Andromache* before the explanation which followed him here had reached this. We have from the same source a few particulars of the treaty made with the Rajah of Lingin; differing from what we have previously received respecting that transaction, to which we will return in our next number.

Captain CHADS is either more fortunate, or more vigilant—or probably both together—than any other naval officer, whom we have yet seen employed in quelling the pirates of these seas and coasts, and his last encounter with these marauders is not the least signal among his successes in that department. This took place near *Tanjong Jatti*, a point of land on a small island off the South East Coast of *Sumatra*, where early in the morning of the 1st instant, the *Andromache's* boats, four in number, accompanied by two Government gun-boats, fell in with a force of six piratical prahus, formidably manned and armed and led on by Panglima AWANG, a person of more than common predatory celebrity in this neighbourhood. The morning twilight at first prevented the pirates from ascertaining the true quality of their antagonists, whom it is supposed they mistook for trading prahus, until they came within a distance that rendered their better knowledge useless, and disclosed plainly enough with whom they had to contend. The boats were then at such close quarters with the pirates that the latter commenced operations by a discharge of spears as well as fire-arms. This was met by a quick and effectual reply, which was continued with such vigour that the piratical force was in a very short time almost totally destroyed, above an hundred men being killed and all their boats taken and burnt as usual. This is the only occasion of the kind in which the casualties on our side have been of any moment—one life having been lost, and several men wounded by the blowing-up of one of the pirate vessels. This was occasioned by the desperate act of Panglima AWANG, who being severely wounded, and seeing all hope of escape lost, set fire to the powder on board his vessel, with intent to blow all up. This man was not, as seems to be supposed, the *Inchy* AWANG who, some time ago, cut off, under circumstances of particular atrocity, a native vessel in the neighbourhood. *Inchy* AWANG is a Malay, while the *Panglima* AWANG, who has been destroyed, is by birth a *Chino-Malayan*, and was born at *Bintang*, his father being a native of China who became a Mahomedan, and his mother a Malay. His history is well known to several Chinese merchants of this place.

We notice with pleasure that the local Government is engaged in preparing an anti-piratical flotilla of its own, two smart-looking gun-boats having already been launched and manned and put in a course of preparation for active service, while another is ordered to be commenced. They are the work of Mr. MELANY, and one of them is constructed so as to be a quick pulling as well as a swift sailing craft—the larger of the two is 40 feet long, to carry 50 men, a 12 lb. carronade and four 2 lb. brass guns; the other is 43 feet long and will be equally manned and armed.