

On the 1st. instant, H. M. S. *Andromache*, and sloop of war *Raleigh* anchored again in our roads; the former returning from a voyage up the Straits of Malacca, the latter from a visit to the Island of Lingin. During her cruize, the *Andromache* visited only two of the principal native ports in the Straits, namely, that of *Salengore* on the Peninsula, and of *Delhi* on the north-east coast of Sumatra, with the view of affording the Commissioners an opportunity of holding personal intercourse with the Rajah of each place. This the absence of the Chiefs prevented, both being in the interior of their dominions at the time; and letters from the commissioners being left to await their return. The schooner *Zephyr* which accompanied the *Andromache* during a part of her cruize was also the bearer of a letter to the Chief of *Batu Bara*, another port on the Sumatra coast, who was also absent. There seems something rather suspicious in the general prevalence of the present taste of the Malayan Chiefs to visit the

interior—seldom overcome as they are with a fancy for travelling. The *Andromache* searched also one or two suspected places in the Straits, without encountering any thing piratical. She again proceeded to sea yesterday afternoon,—with intention we understand of again examining the Gallang cluster, and other small islands about that neighbourhood, in case of there being any attempt to form new piratical establishments in that direction, of which some vague rumour had reached this.

The *Raleigh* made Lingin on the 19th Augt.—It was not however until the 21st that Capt Quin delivered to the prime minister the Commissioners' letter to the Sultan—the intervening days having, it would appear, been taken up in the adjustment of a suitable ceremonial wherewith to honor the reception of that important missive—which at last took place at the abode of the prime minister amid the explosion of a due allowance of gun-powder, and the display of as much courtly pomp, after the Malayan fashion, as the absence of the Sultan would permit. Captain Quin has expressed himself quite satisfied with the courteous reception given him at Lingin, and the demonstrations which he met with of the most friendly regard for the English—for any of whom coming to Lingin to trade, he was told, factories or warehouses would be built, and every requisite protection afforded—and a wish it appears was intimated that this friendly feeling should be made publicly known.

Captain Quin was also told a great deal about the Sultan of Lingin's achievements against the pirates—and it is perhaps probable enough that he has occasionally attacked the Illanoon or Lanun pirates—it may be for interfering with himself—but at any rate, the fact, if true, would not, in our eyes, at all absolve him from the suspicion, to use no stronger term, which has always attached to him, as well as to former sovereigns of Lingin, for their connection with pirates. The Proclamation, pointed out to Captain Quin in the hall of audience, threatening all found engaged in piratical courses with death, is an old story, ostentatiously brought before the eyes of every European stranger that lands at Lingin—and there are those here who have seen it and known it long. The studied exhibition of such a document is generally intended to deceive—and of all other people in the world rogues and thieves of all descriptions are sure to be the most forward in asserting their innocence, before they are ever charged.—Cap-

tain Quin it appears, according to our contemporary of the *Chronicle*, witnessed a display of indignation on the part of the Sultan's prime minister at "the conduct of the Rhio authorities in not having officially announced to the British Resident at Singapore the presence of the Sultan at the former place!" This touch of diplomacy must have amused Captain Quin at the time, as it will assuredly do the Rhio authorities, when they come to hear of it. It would appear to have been understood by Captain Quin, from what was told him at Lingin, that the Sultan received an annuity of 50,000 Rs. from the Dutch for allowing them to occupy Rhio.—A pension or annuity is no doubt paid by the Dutch Government for their occupation of Bintang, which was, in former times, a dependency of Lingin, but this annuity of, we believe, 60,000 Rs. is, we understand, paid to the Rajah Moodah of Rhio, from whom the Island is held by the Dutch—altho' the Sultan of Lingin receives some portion of it; probably in token of his sovereignty.

In noticing the *Raleigh's* visit to Lingin in his last number, our contemporary, on the ground of the Lingin officers of government having expressed their united wish that the British government should take possession of the Island, remarks that, "As the existence of any treaty with the Dutch is explicitly denied by the people of Lingin, there surely can be no political impediment for the British government to accept the voluntary submission of that power on the condition of protection without interference in the administration of the government; the Lingin people engaging by treaty to perform certain stipulations for the protection of trade and prohibition of piracy among its own subjects, with such other points as might be of mutual advantage to the contracting parties." Our contemporary's attention must have, for the moment, been directed to the supposed or rumoured Treaty between the Dutch Government and the Sultan of Lingin, to which he makes allusion, or he would have no doubt called to mind the 12th article of the Dutch Treaty with ourselves of 1824; and satisfied himself that, whatever inducements Lingin holds out, and whatever predilections its people may profess for our alliance or protection, we are utterly prevented from availing ourselves of either the one or the other on the conditions he proposes—the second clause of that article of the Treaty being that "His Britannic Majesty engages that no British establishments shall be made on the Carimon Isles, or on the Islands of Battam, Bintang, Lingin, or any of the other islands south of the Straits of Singapore, nor any treaty concluded by British authority with the chiefs of these Islands."

The *Raleigh* left the harbour along with the *Andromache*, but it is understood she will not continue in company, but proceed to Pahang.