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The Canton papers contain an account from Lieutenant Elliott, holding rank in the Spanish Colonial Marine, and in command of a boat, manned by 43 Tagalas, and which mounted one gun in the bow, and a few swivels in the stern, opened unexpectedly upon a fleet of 26 Malay pirate boats. The determination of the British officer was at once made. Although he was opposed to double-banked boats of 40 rowers each, he unhesitatingly advanced and used his long tom; the aim was so good, and the effect so deadly, that the pirate chief's boat, which led the van, immediately sank with all her crew. Without losing way, on went Elliot, over the wave which bubbled over the sunken proa, towards the second chief's proa, and when within bowsprit almost over her, fired—and it was but a moment of stir and commotion, then down she went like a bird of the ocean. The remaining 24 proas, seeing the sudden and unexpected destruction of their chiefs, fled. Elliott chased; they rather out-pulled him, but not so fast as to escape about 62 rounds of shot, mostly grape. As most of them pulled away with single banks only, it is probable that the havoc amongst them must have been great. The fight continued three hours. The *Folwa* had two men killed and twelve wounded; two since dead. The disparity of force in this action is amazing—one boat and 43 men opposed to 26 boats, and upwards of 1,000 men. When the particulars of the action were reported to the governor, he immediately made Elliott a captain, and gave him a cross of honour. The petty officers and crew have been rewarded, and the families of the killed will be provided for by the Manila Government.—*Jamaica Dispatch.*