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We learn from Rhoio that the gun-boat, in which the Resident of that place lately paid a visit to this Settlement, went cruizing on her return, in company with another, in search of pirates—the particular object being to fall in with Pangalima TALLIE, the brother of the more-noted Pangalima PASANG—both of them having about two months ago committed piracies on the coast of Siak, capturing several boats, and despatching their crews in cold blood. In this object the Dutch gun-boats fortunately succeeded, the prahu of TALLIE having been taken, with himself on board—and she is stated to be such a splendid craft for pulling as well as sailing, that her escape out at sea by the gun-boats would have been almost impossible—but they fortunately came upon her when in a creek, where they jammed her close in, putting it out of her power to escape, and compelling her to surrender. It is supposed that PASANG was also on board, and that he was among those, of whom there were a good many, who contrived to effect their escape into the jungle.

From the same source we are also informed that another small junk, from some place on the coast of China, had a few days ago been driven on shore, on the East Coast of Bintang, with six men on board of her, nearly dead from starvation, and in such a state of debility that they could neither walk, nor were capable of speech. The crew had originally consisted of 9 men, and the bodies of three, who had died two days before, were found on board in a state of putrefaction, and emitting an odour which must have aggravated the sufferings of the survivors, but whose united strength was insufficient to cast them overboard.