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*Extract from the Barque Star's Log-Book, Thursday, April 5th, 1838.*

At 2 A. M. squally, with rain, at 2. 30 A. M. calm—the look-out on the Fore-castle, reported a boat ahead pulling across the bow, at this time fine clear weather, beat to quarters and got up the Company's arms and ammunition, hailed the boat in Malay, English, and Hindoostanee, but received no answer, perceived two more boats ahead, the one on the starboard bow pulling as if she intended to board us on the bow, fired a volley of muskets into her when she pulled round and remained on the starboard quarter, perceived another boat close to us astern-hailed her, but she not answering, fired into her; we then saw another on the larboard quarter, making in all five, but when they received our fire in the boat a stern they gradually pulled away and disappeared. Remained under arms until day light when it became squally with heavy rain, saw a boat under sail standing to the westward.

We received all possible assistance from the officers and men of the 8th M N. I., and I cannot help taking this opportunity of returning them my hearty thanks, and have no doubt, had the boats boarded us, that they would have got a warm reception.

N. B. At sunset, on the 5th, we saw three Prows to the Eastward of us, I have no doubt but they were the same we fired into during the night,—we had *Pulo Pera* bearing about W. S. W. distance 50 miles.

J. M. MORRIS,  
*Commander Barque Star.*

*Singapore, 16th April 1838.*

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