

## TRIAL OF THE MALAY PIRATES.

**JEENAL & MOUSSA** were placed at the bar charged with having piratically and feloniously plundered a boat near the mouth of the *Sangora* river, on the 16th of May last—on the indictment being read and explained to them, they severally pleaded “*not guilty*,” and were apprised of their right of challenging the Jury &c.

**Kong Kay Hoh** was the first witness called, & deposed nearly as follows:—I am a native of Siam, and lived at *Bojong* which is situated on the river of *Sangora*—I was one of four, two men and two women, who had gone to buy rice at *Jenywang*, and we were on our return when the pirates overtook us, having followed us for some distance along the coast, and when we were about about a mile & a half off shore—the pirate contained nine men, all Malays, but do not know what territory they belonged to. We were taken out of our *sampan* by the pirates, pinioned, and thrust forward into the bow of their vessel; they did not strike us, as we were frightened and made no resistance, being without arms, cannot say whether the pirates had arms or not, as I was put forward out of the way. The boat did not belong to me, but to *Tong Kay Ho* who was also on board—we had 300 gautangs of paddy in the *sampan* which belonged to us jointly—had no clothes belonging to myself in the boat but what I have now on, *Tong Kay Ho* had other property in the boat, they were clothes, but do not know what they consisted of, the pirates took all these articles out of our *sampan*. When they neared us, they put out a long hook and pulled our *sampan* close to—they sent her adrift without taking the paddy out, & she upset. We were to the northward of the *Sangora* river when taken—when they got us on board the pirates pulled away past the mouth of the *Sangora* river. The Steamer was shortly afterwards seen to come from *Bojong*—she overtook the *prahu*, came across her bow and fired, killing all the pirates but two and our four selves, the *prahu* was also sunk—the prisoners at the bar are the two pirates who survived. Do not know that our country is at war with the Malays, or whether the British & Siamese governments are at peace. Had no conversation with the pirates.

*Cross-examined*, Witness could not say whether the prisoners at the bar took an active part in the capture of himself and his companions, but saw them on board—there were some who remained quiet while others were binding them.

**Tong Kay Ho** was then called—Knows the last witness, and was with him in the same boat when cap-

tured by the pirates—they had gone to buy paddy, and were returning when the pirates attacked them near *Sangora* River—there were nine men in the pirate *prahu*, and the two prisoners were among them. As they approached our *sampan* some of the pirates threatened us with guns, some with spears, and we surrendered without any resistance, last witness was so frightened on seeing the pirates approach that he leapt into the water, and it was all I could do to restrain myself from following his example. I begged them not to injure us, and they did not hurt us, but tied our arms & put us down under the bows of their vessel—they took all my property, (consisting of several articles of silk and cotton clothing &c. which witness particularised) and the *sampan* belonged to me—she was shoved off and sent adrift by the pirates. The same day about evening the Steamer attacked the *prahu*—she came right across the pirates and fired—the helmsman was killed, and some others also, and some fell (or jumped) into the sea—the two prisoners leapt into the water and held on by the boat close to where I was—the man who presented the gun at us was killed, but it was the second prisoner who brandished a spear and grappled our boat, he also plunged into the water to lay hold of our *sampan*—the first prisoner acted as all the others did, and did not keep aloof.

Captain *Corgalloa*, who commands the Steamer *Diana*, was the next witness. He had captured the prisoners at the bar and knew them—was led to give chase to their *prahu* from seeing that it was a pirate, and as she was about to escape fired into her—this was near *Sangora*—of the pirates only the two prisoners were found alive on board the *prahu*, and four Siamese, two men and two women, who had just been captured by them—found several arms on board, a brass blunderbuss, and two long muskets, besides spears &c. She was not a large class *prahu*, but rather small sized, and evidently a pirate from her appearance.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

The prisoners called no witnesses. The first, **Jeenal**, said in his defence that he was a poor man and had accompanied *Iuchy Amat* (their leader) on the understanding that he was going to trade, and that he had been compelled to act as he did on board of the *prahu*. He had gone to sea before, but it was always for the purposes of trade, and he had always been a quiet man. The second prisoner spoke to the same effect in his defence, and said that this was the first time he had ever gone to sea at all.

The Recorder having summed up, the Jury returned a verdict of “*Guilty*” against both prisoners—and they were remanded to be brought up for sentence at the close of the Session. They were accordingly brought to the bar on Saturday the 9th inst., when they were sentenced to execution, at the usual place, on the ensuing Monday.