

The Dutch it seems are again in a state of hostility with some of the Bugis tribes, and we are informed that within the last two months they had despatched a force with three vessels to a district called *Bonaratee*, where they landed and destroyed the viillages, and caused great devastation—The whole of that part of the country was in a state of confusion and disturbance in consequence—and our informant states that few or no Bugis vessels could put out from the Coast in the immediate neighbourhood, and that it was for this reason the Bugis traders were not now so numerous here as last year. In this manner do we now experience the effect of the progress of Dutch ambition in the Archipelago—it will be more sensibly felt when in the course of years they have subjected the finest countries it contains to their domination, if still allowed to persevere in the same course of restriction on British commerce which they are now pursuing.