

A severe hurricane was experienced at Calcutta, and off Diamond Point, on the 22d and 23d of October. Two vessels have been lost, namely, the Bengalee and Scourfield. The Malay crew of a British ship named the Fawn, mutinied and murdered the captain (Rogers) and his officers. The tragedy is related in the following terms:—

“It appears that the chief tindal of the vessel, a Malay, was sitting on the fore-castle smoking when he should have been attending to his duty. The chief mate reported this to the captain, who thereupon went forward and punished the man. That night, as the commander was sitting in an easy chair on the poop, the same tindal came behind him and struck him violently on the head with a billet of firewood. The ruffian was followed by a large portion of the crew, his countrymen, and by them the unfortunate commander, stunned and bruised, but still alive, was thrown into the sea. The chief mate, it is said, barricaded himself in his cabin and sustained a siege for about two hours, defending himself with his pistols, but unable to bring them to bear on any of his assailants. At length the poop-deck above his head was torn up, and he was thus exposed to the attacks of the bloodthirsty Malays, who quickly despatched him. The Fawn is said to have been found ashore on the Sambelangs, in the Straits. Five of her crew had surrendered themselves, or been seized at Singapore, and were in custody there. According to their report of the horrible business, the captain, officers, and male passengers were murdered on board; the captain's wife and a lady passenger were then put into one of the quarter-boats, which, while being lowered, was either accidentally, or by intention overturned, and the ladies were drowned. The vessel was then scuttled and deserted by the crew. We hear that she was manned wholly or almost entirely by Malays, a class of seamen to whom Captain Rogers, who had sailed much with them, was very partial.

“We hear that the commander of the Poppy, just arrived from Singapore, went out of his course to look for the Fawn on the Sambelangs, and ascertained that she was not there.”

The *Bengal Hurkaru*, received this morning, quotes the subjoined paragraph from the *Penang Gazette*:—

“Captain Barker, of her Majesty's ship Amazon, reports as follows:—‘That on the 5th inst., on his passage from Singapore to Penang, he fell in with the barque Rajah, of Liverpool, from Bombay bound to the southward, near the Sambelangs, who reported to his boarding officer that on the day previous, whilst working to the southward, they saw a black barque (from the southward) near the north end of Pulo Dinding, which barque stood directly in for the mainland—the point called False Dinding—much to the surprise of the captain of the Rajah, as it appeared evident that the commander of the black barque was running into shoal water. The vessel was run on shore on the mud, and in two hours after he saw her burst out into flames, and the fire ran up the masts, but it seems the captain of the Rajah never thought of going near the vessel to offer assistance to the crew. Captain Barker, on coming up to the spot where the vessel was reported to be on fire, saw not the slightest appearance of a wreck, masts, yards, or anything whatever to indicate a vessel having been burnt near there; he, however, sent his boats to pull along the coast, which they did for some miles before they returned to the Amazon, without observing boats or any human creature on the shore.’”