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IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

HOUSE OF LORDS—FRIDAY.

The House of Lords met at five o'clock.

PETITIONS.

The Earl of ALBEMARLE presented a petition from the Bristol Chamber of Commerce, representing that foreign captains entered the Bristol Channel without the same liability to employ pilots and pay pilotage fees as English captains were subjected to, and praying that they might be similarly treated.

Lord MONTEAGLE presented petitions respecting Indian affairs, from native inhabitants of India.

Lord ELLENBOROUGH presented petitions from Scarborough and other places, against the Merchant Shipping Bill.

The Earl of ALBEMARLE moved for copies of all correspondence and documents in 1851 and 1852, between the local authorities of Singapore, the Governor-General of India, and the home authorities, relating to an outrage in which a junk, or Chinese ship, belonging to Singapore was plundered, and her crew, to the number of eleven, put to death, under the pretext of piracy, by the Rajah of Tringanu, a Malay prince, on the coast of Malacca. The outrage to which he alluded took place on March 15, 1851, and itself looked very like an act of piracy. His object in moving for these papers was, if possible, to procure compensation for the parties injured. At the present moment there was a commission in the town of Singapore, established by the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, to inquire into some case of piracy or alleged piracy, and what he should suggest was, that this case should be referred by her Majesty's Government to that commission, unless they were already satisfied that these Chinese were fully entitled to protection as if they had actually been native born subjects of Great Britain. He trusted her Majesty's Government would take such steps as would render it unnecessary for him, in a more substantive manner, to seek redress for these cruel outrages [hear, hear].

Earl GRANVILLE said there would be no objection to the papers moved for by the noble earl being produced.

The motion was then agreed to.