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THE POLICE COURTS.

THAMES.

Yesterday *Capt. Stooke*, master of the *Queen of the Teign*, and the two seamen, *Northcote* and *Goldsworthy*, were formally committed for trial for the manslaughter of the five Lascars who had been killed in the affray on board that vessel. It will be remembered that the defendants attributed the origin of the affair to an attempted mutiny on the part of the Malay portion of the crew. The Lascar witnesses, however, gave a different version of the matter. They said that the affray commenced in consequence of the chief mate beating one of the Lascars on deck, and some of the people were killed after the "bobbery" was over. Their statements varied considerably, and it seemed there had been some conversation among the Lascars about murdering the captain and mate and taking the ship to California.

David Fairfield, an English seaman, who had been disgraced for incompetency and misconduct, and who had been put in irons a few days after the unfortunate transaction, partially confirmed the natives as to one Lascar being shot and others cut down after the disturbance was over.

Mr. Humphreys, on behalf of his clients, asserted their perfect innocence of the charge imputed to them.

Mr. Yardley took bail for the appearance of the prisoners at the sessions, as before, and they were set at liberty.

The two Malay prisoners, *Ali* and *Ahali*, were also committed for assaulting Mr. Treatt, the chief mate, who had received no fewer than 14 wounds in the affray.

A dissipated looking fellow, named *John Broadley*, aged 47, a coal-whipper, of 25, Devonshire-street, Commercial-road East, was charged with an inhuman assault on *Mary Ann Burchley*, with whom he cohabited.

The defendant had been in the habit of frequently ill-using the complainant, and he had even suffered two months' imprisonment for a brutal assault upon her. On Saturday last he went home drunk, and finding that the complainant had lent sixpence to a neighbour he kicked and beat her in a savage manner, and finally threw her down stairs. She was taken up insensible, and had to be conveyed to the hospital.

Broadley, in defence, charged the woman with intoxication and other misconduct.

Mr. Yardley was satisfied the prisoner had committed a most savage assault upon the woman who had been foolish enough to live with him, and he should inflict a severe sentence. He asked the complainant if she considered her life worth preserving?

The complainant sobbed loudly, and said, "yes, sir."

Mr. Yardley—Then discontinue this disgraceful connexion, and never live with him again.

The complainant implored of the magistrate to bind the prisoner over to keep the peace. If he was not restrained he would murder her.

Mr. Yardley intended to do something more. He should sentence him to be kept to hard labour for six calendar months, and then to find good bail, himself in 80*l.*, and two sureties in 40*l.* each, to be of good behaviour for six months longer.
