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## POLICE INTELLIGENCE.

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THE MANSLAUGHTER OF LASCARS.—On Wednesday: *Captain 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 attribute 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 fourteen wounds in the affray.