

TOTAL WRECK OF THE CLYDE SHIP BRAHMIN.

LOSS OF NINE LIVES.

Accounts have reached us by the Melbourne *Argus* of the total loss of the Greenock-owned, Clyde-built ship *Brahmin*, Captain M'Eachern. From the *Argus* we extract the particulars:—

The steamer *Manchester*, Captain Harrison, arrived on Wednesday from King's Island, having on board three British seamen, nineteen Malay seamen, and one Malay woman, wife to the serang who was drowned, being the remainder of the crew of the ship *Brahmin*, of Greenock, lost on 25th May; also three seamen and fifteen passengers from the schooner *Waterwitch*, of Melbourne, lost on the 24th September on that island. Much difficulty was experienced in safely embarking these unfortunate people, three days having been occupied in this object, owing to the rocky nature of the coast, which compelled Captain Harrison to keep the steamer a long way off. A very heavy surf was rolling upon the only spot where a landing was practicable; the boats were frequently half filled with water; much risk was run, and all were thoroughly drenched; but, happily, no life was lost in embarking or landing. On Sunday morning a strong gale set in, and the *Manchester* stood out to sea at daylight, when she was hove to until the gale moderated. Capt. Harrison left his chief officer and 8 men to assist Capt. Forrest in bringing up the remainder of his passengers (two females and a child) and the gold saved from the *Waterwitch* to the landingplace, and the *Manchester* will return to take them on board. A native woman, the last of her race on this island, begged hard to be taken away, as her companion had lately died. She would have been left alone on the departure of these shipwrecked people, and Captain Harrison humanely brought her to Melbourne, where it is to be hoped she will find protection. She states that she has been about twenty years upon King's Island, and is a singular-looking creature, far advanced in years. The ship *Brahmin*, of Greenock, Captain M'Eachern, sailed from London 5th February, for Sydney, and at midnight, on the 25th May, she struck on the western side of King's Island, on a rocky coast, and immediately after broke up. The vessel at the time was under easy sail, the captain expecting to make the land in the morning. The boats were got out and filled with the crew and passengers; but both capsized in the heavy sea, and, in consequence, many were drowned. The captain attempted to reach the shore on a hencoop, but did not succeed, and his body was afterwards washed on shore, and gold watch and some money recovered. Five cabin passengers were on board, only one of whom was saved. A great portion of the cargo is strewed about the beach, much injured by salt water and exposure to the weather. The following is a list of those who were saved:—Robert Leckie, Peter M'Ewan, James Conroy, seamen; Jas. Gibb, carpenter; Wm. White, passenger; eighteen Malay seamen, one Malay woman, one Chinaman. The following were drowned:—Malcolm M'Eachern, master; Alexander Parker, chief officer; Thomas Frazer, second do.; James Murphy, boatswain; Fandando, Steward; Mr. and Mrs. Sterry, Mr. Tinklun, and Mons. Felix, passengers. The schooner *Waterwitch*, Capt. Forrest, from Melbourne to Mauritius, was driven on shore in a gale of wind from the westward, on King's Island, about twenty miles south of the *Brahmin's* wreck, on the morning of 24th September. The crew and passengers were all saved, with £20,000 in specie; but the cargo, which was but trifling, was not saved, as the vessel filled soon after striking. She has not yet broken up, but in the situation she is, there is no chance of saving her. This vessel had eighteen steerage passengers, most of them Frenchmen. The above particulars are furnished by Mr. Maine, the agent of the *Manchester*, who was at King's Island with that vessel.