

THAMES—YESTERDAY.

BURGLARY BY LASCARS.—Two Lascars, named *Chunly*, a Malay, aged 26, and *Charley Banker*, a native of the East Indies, aged 25, who have been vagabonds and thieves ever since they were left here by the captain of a ship in which they came to England from India, were brought before Mr. Yardley, charged with burglariously breaking and entering the dwelling-house and shop of Mr. Hans Marks, clothier and outfitter, of No. 236, High-street, Shadwell, and stealing a large quantity of property therefrom.

The prosecutor and his son carry on business at No. 236, High-street, Shadwell, and on Saturday night last made their place secure in the usual manner. On the following morning it was ascertained that an entry had been effected by removing a pane of glass in the skylight over the kitchen. The hole was only large enough to admit a boy or a very small man, and Chunly, who is a thin, spare fellow, could have dropped through it and opened the back door and admitted his companion. The back door, which was bolted within on the Saturday night, was found unfastened on Sunday morning. The yard behind the dwelling-house was found strewed with clothes belonging to one of the burglars, who had no doubt put on some of the new clothes taken from the prosecutor's shop in exchange for his own worthless things. Suspicion fell on the two prisoners, who have been prowling about the neighbourhood for some time. Chunly, a morose-looking fellow, who does not understand a word of English, was committed to prison for six weeks, by Mr. Selfe, for being found in the Cock and Neptune public-house, Ratcliff-highway, and it was then stated by Mr. Hunt, the manager of the business, that he had the strongest suspicions that Chunly, the Malay, secreted himself in the house on another occasion, and carried away a bundle of linen. Chunly's imprisonment expired about a fortnight ago, and he and Charley Banker, a Hindoo Lascar, had been since staying at the dwelling of a woman calling herself Ann Clarke, who has married a Lascar calling himself John Mahomet. Mrs. Ann Mahomet, who carried a dark child in her arms, according to her own admission kept a most infamous brothel for men of colour, at No. 2, Victoria-street, Shadwell. The prisoners did not sleep in her house on Saturday night, but on Sunday night they brought two girls there and remained with them until the following morning, when they gave a large quantity of property, consisting of Guernsey frocks, striped shirts, monkey jackets, coats, waistcoats, and other property, to Mrs. Mahomet and one of the girls they brought to the house the preceding night. The females pawned the goods at several pawnbrokers' shops, and the money raised upon them was soon expended by the prisoners, the girls, and Mrs. Mahomet. The prisoners, however, took no pains to conceal themselves, and when they were taken into custody were wearing clothes, handkerchiefs, and linen missed by the prosecutor. The prisoner Chunly was found secreted in a carpenter's shop, near a chapel, on Wednesday evening by Bidgood and Potter police-constables of the K division, who produced the clothes he was wearing when they captured him, and which were identified by Mr. Marks. The clothes upon Charley Banker were also recognised by Mr. Marks as part of the stolen property. On Potter inquiring of Charley Banker where he obtained the things he was wearing, he replied in English that a Malay man gave them to him; when Potter and Bidgood produced the apparel they found in Mr. Marks's yard, he stated through an interpreter (Mr. Levy) that they were his, and he left them in the yard.

Mr. Marks having identified the whole of the property produced, of the value of £15, but not the whole of that stolen,

Mr. Yardley said there was no evidence the house of the prosecutor was broken into before six in the morning, and he should therefore commit the prisoners for trial for robbery in a dwelling house.