

The Morning Chronicle (London),
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ROBBERY BY A MALAY.—A ferocious-looking Malay, who has been repeatedly in custody, and has been convicted of felony three times, was brought before Mr. Yardley, charged with stealing a suit of clothes, the property of another Malay, named Abal.

The prisoner, when he was last before the magistrate, gave the name of Chundar, and upon this occasion called himself Mahomet Ali.

It appeared that Abal was an inmate of that excellent institution the Stranger's Home for Asiatic and African Seamen and South Sea Islanders, in Limehouse, and that the prisoner, to whom he was a stranger, visited him in the Home, and asked him to lend him some clothes to wear. Abal refused compliance with this request, and the prisoner remained in Abal's quarters for some time, and then suddenly left the place. Abal missed his clothes soon afterwards, and information was given to the police, who traced the prisoner, and he was taken into custody. The clothes belonging to Abal were worth £3, and were pawned by the prisoner at two pawnbrokers' shops, on the 6th inst., for half their value. On another occasion the prisoner pawned a pair of boots, also belonging to Abal, which he had stolen.

Peter Bidgood, a police-constable, No. 168 K, stated that the prisoner was last convicted in February last for burglariously breaking into and entering a house, and upon that occasion was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, which expired a day or two previous to the last robbery being committed.

Mr. Glazier, the interpreter, said that Abal and another Malay were about to sail for India.

Mr. Yardley said the prisoner was an old offender, three times convicted, and that it was necessary he should be prosecuted. He committed the prisoner for trial, and bound over the witnesses to prosecute at the sessions.