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THE CASE OF PIRACY AND MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS.
—At the Bow Street Police Court, on Friday, a gentleman from the office of the Solicitor to the Treasury informed Mr. Henry that arrangements had been made for bringing before him next day certain prisoners, who are charged with the commission of several dreadful murders on the high seas. The names of the prisoners are John Lyons, a Malay, Borceliala Santo, Moratio Durano, and Francisco Paliroda, Manila men, Frank Power, a Spaniard, Marco Varto, a native of the Ionian Islands, Marciliano de Lacroix, a Greek, Miguel Lopez, a Malay, George Carlos and John Williams, three of whom are men of colour. Of these Lyons is said to have been the ringleader in the crimes with which they are charged. The particulars respecting this case, which is one of piracy and murder, were given by a sailor named James Early, who was on board the ship Flowery Land at the time the offences were committed, and were detailed in our impression on Friday last. The five prisoners were accordingly brought before Mr. Henry, on Saturday, when Mr. Welsby appeared, and said he had been retained to prosecute the prisoners on behalf of the Crown, for the murder of six men on the high seas. The evidence of one witness—James Early, referred to above, having been given, the prisoners were remanded until Wednesday.