

SHOCKING MURDERS ON BOARD THE BRITISH SHIP HARRIETT.

Advices received from Madras furnish the particulars of the perpetration of horrible murders on board the British ship Harriett, 343 tons burthen, which took place on Sunday, the 3rd of last month, and resulted in the death of the master (Captain Goularte) and a seaman, and in serious injury to two others of the crew. The ship was manned by a crew of Malay and Chinese seamen, only the captain and mate being Europeans. About half-past nine in the morning Captain Goularte ordered his men to get up an anchor which had been broken and lost. The serang, named Raboo, called the men together, and repeated the captain's orders. All obeyed but a seaman named Pailey. The captain was near the hatchway, and called out twice to Pailey, but the latter still refused. It appears that the captain then gave the man a slight push, with a view of sending him towards his work, when Pailey immediately drew his knife, turned round, and stabbed the captain five or six times in rapid succession in the bowels, chest, back, and neck. The chief mate endeavoured to render the captain assistance, but was attacked in the same savage manner, received a stab in the arm, and only saved himself by taking to the fore rigging. The murderer then attacked the tindal, who is stated to have been his brother-in-law, and has confessed that he cut this man's throat and threw him overboard. Not satisfied with this the blood-thirsty ruffian then began to climb the rigging in order to get at the mate once more, but the latter avoided him by jumping into the water and swimming towards the Barham, whose boat at once pushed off to his rescue. Captain Vay, of this ship, accompanied by his third mate and boatswain, went on board the Harriet, where the murderer confronted them with two knives. After disarming him of one of the knives, Captain Vay gallantly closed with him, when a fierce struggle ensued. The captain received a wound in the hip, and another blow was aimed at his heart, and was so near to the mark that it grazed his side. How the struggle might have ended it is impossible to say, but at this moment the boatswain rendered the Malay powerless by knocking him down with a handspike. The police then came on board, the murderer was strongly bound, and conveyed to the Penitentiary, where he awaits his trial.