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THAMES.

SANGUINARY AFFRAY AT AN ASIATIC HOME FOR SEAMEN.—*Hama Moogem*, a Malay seaman, was charged with cutting and wounding *Alla Mode*, a Bengalese seaman, at the Asiatic Home for Seamen, at Limehouse.—*Alla Mode*'s evidence was interpreted by an interpreter from the home. He said he was standing by the door of the eating-house, or room, and the prisoner and another Malay came down to him, and said, "Which is our way?" He told him his way was upstairs, and the prisoner, who seemed enraged at this answer, drew his knife, and struck him with it on the face, cutting it severely, and covering his face with blood. Several of his mates came up, and the prisoner and his companion used their knives, and he and his mates did the same.—The Superintendent of the home informed the magistrate that the companion of the prisoner was in the London hospital through the injuries he had sustained in the fight. He believed it was an old grudge between the seamen. If he had not opportunely arrived the Bengalese would have killed the Malays.—The prisoner, who had a large surgical plaister round his head, said he did not strike the complainant with his knife.—The Superintendent said that the Malays wanted to come into the same room as the Bengalese, which they objected to, believing their caste to be superior to the Malays.—Mr. Paget remanded the prisoner for a week, and asked the superintendent to try and gather a more tangible account of the affair by that time.