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YESTERDAY'S PARLIAMENT.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM.]

LONDON, TUESDAY.

THE STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.

Lord STANLEY of ALDERLEY drew attention to the proceedings of the Straits Government in the Malay Peninsula, contending that the Bill passed seven years ago had proved a failure.

The Earl of CARNARVON said that the transfer of the protection of these settlements from the India Office to the Colonial Office took place at the desire of the inhabitants themselves, and the government and the administration subsequently of the Straits Settlements had been perfectly successful. The object of Sir Andrew Clarke had been not merely to clear these seas of pirates, but to strike at the root of the evil. Having destroyed the stockades, he effected a general disarmament of the hostile forces, and released a number of women and children from captivity; after which he opened communications with the hostile parties, conciliated them, and bound over a certain number in a bond of \$50,000 to keep the peace.