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[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

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THE ASSASSINATION  
OF THE  
BRITISH RESIDENT AT PERAK.

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The Press Association is authorised by the Colonial Office to publish the following important information:—Telegraphic intelligence has been received at the Colonial Office from the Governor of the Straits Settlements to the effect that the Lieutenant-Governor of Penang had telegraphed on the 3rd instant that Mr. Birch had been treacherously killed at Passu Sala, between Rhota and Durlun, on the Perak River. Mr. Birch appears to have been attacked while in his bath. A Malay interpreter is reported to have been killed, four of his suite wounded, and two missing. Energetic measures have been taken to bring to justice the perpetrators of this outrage, a detachment of troops having been sent from Singapore to Perak, as well as a force of armed police. The governor started for the Perak River yesterday to inquire into the state of affairs. Mr. J. W. W. Birch, the colonial secretary at Singapore, has been acting as resident at the court of the Sultan of Perak. There is, therefore, every reason to fear that the governor refers in his telegram to this officer, though the Christian names are not given.

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