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THE MURDER OF MR. BIRCH.—FIGHTING WITH THE
MALAYS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

PENANG, Nov. 9.—The *Plato* has returned here from Perak with the news that Mr. Birch's body has been recovered in a mutilated condition. In the fighting with the Malays Captain Innes has been killed and Lieutenant Elliott (10th Regiment) seriously wounded. Lieutenant Booth and eight men of the 10th Regiment have been slightly wounded.

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PENANG, Nov. 9.—The body of Mr. Birch has been found tied to a tree. All this side of the Malay peninsula is greatly excited, and a general outbreak is feared. Governor Jervis is at Perak. Troops have been telegraphed for from Hong Kong. The *Modeste*, man-of-war, from Labuan, the *Thistle* and *Fly*, gunboats, have arrived near Perak. There are about 400 troops at Perak.

The *Manchester Guardian's* London correspondent, writing last night, states that the murder of Mr. Birch and the incidents connected therewith have caused anxiety in official quarters. As this feeling arises in some degree from the fewness of our troops at the Straits Settlements, orders were sent to India last evening for the immediate reinforcement of our forces at Penang.
