

**Birmingham Daily Post**  
**Wednesday, November 10, 1875;**

**THE MURDER OF MR. BIRCH.--THE MALAY  
OUTBREAK.**

A Reuter's telegram from Penang, dated yesterday, states that the Plato has returned to Penang 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. The following telegram was published in the second edition of the *Times* yesterday:—"Penang, November 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 Jervons is at Perak. Troops have been telegraphed for from Hong Kong. The *Modeste* man-of-war, from Labuan, and the *Thistle* and *Fly*, gunboats, have arrived near Perak. There are about 400 troops at Perak." The *Manchester Guardian's* London correspondent, writing on Monday 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 numerical weakness of our troops at the Straits Settlements, orders were sent to India last evening for the immediate reinforcement of our forces at Penang.

The Colonial Office, last night, furnished the Press Association with the following important information:—"Telegraphic intelligence has been received from Singapore that the besieged British Resident on the Perak river was relieved on Saturday, the 6th, by Captain Innes. On Sunday a force, composed of a detachment of the 10th Regiment, the armed police, and the Sepoys of the Resident Guard, attacked a stockade further up the river, and near the scene of Mr. Birch's murder. The attack failed. Captain Innes was killed; Lieutenants Elliott and Booth and eight men of the 10th were wounded, and one reported missing. The Governor was on his way to Batu Kabit, a point on the river half-way between the sea and the British Residency. Orders have been given for the immediate despatch of reinforcements from Hong Kong and Calcutta."

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