

LATEST NEWS.

SPECIAL AND ORDINARY TELEGRAMS.

THE ASSASSINATION OF MR. BIRCH— OPERATIONS AGAINST THE MALAYS.

SINGAPORE, WEDNESDAY.—Governor Jervois has returned here from Perak. According to the latest reports the body of Mr. Birch was found in the river. 1,500 British troops are on their way from Calcutta to Hong-Kong to take part in the further operations against the Malays.

A *Times*' Penang correspondent, telegraphing yesterday, says:—"The Rajah of Lilla has ordered the districts of Larut, Singapore, and Perak to take up arms. Johore and Queda are friendly. The troops have retired to Baturabet, Sultan Abdoolla's residence, two miles below the Residency. The Ring-dove and Egeria gunboats are expected from India. One thousand men, with artillery, are on their way from India. The Malays are ejecting the Chinese inhabitants, who are recruiting their forces in the outlying districts. A religious war is expected."

The following appeared in our Second Edition of yesterday:—

THE MURDER OF MR. BIRCH.

The *Standard*, referring to the murder of Mr. Birch, observes that should the other Malay Straits, particularly turbulent and piratical Salangare join in the conflict, it may be necessary to send for reinforcements and to undertake a regular campaign.

The *Post* says it will be necessary to take measures which will put down the outbreak at Penang, and prevent the leader giving further trouble. When this is done, the system introduced by Sir Andrew Clarke, having been initiated must not be abandoned, will be more firmly established than before.