

Glasgow Herald.

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"A Straits Resident" has forwarded to the *Times* an explanation of the confused and perplexing telegrams recently transmitted from Penang with reference to the outbreak at Perak. Its object is to show that the news from Malacca, sad though undoubtedly it is, ought not to be considered so very alarming after all—that it cannot mean that the greater part of the peninsula has declared war against Britain, as Perak, Salangore, Kedah, and Johore are totally independent, and mutually hostile rather than friendly States; that the disturbance is strictly confined to Perak; and that our real enemy in that State is not Sultan Abdullah, whom Sir Andrew Clarke put on the throne with the approval of at least the half of the nobles, but Sultan Ismail, the rejected claimant, with his supporters, who are at enmity with the reigning Prince as well as with the British. He adds that "the Malay population is thinly scattered along the coasts and the rivers, and can offer no such resistance as the Atchinese have done to the Dutch;" and this is the moral with which he concludes:—
"If the Malays cannot govern their own country, we must do it for them. The interests held in it by British subjects are too extensive to be ignored. A firm and settled Government is absolutely essential to the prosperity of our own colony, and would be hailed with delight by the Chinese and by the poor Malay peasants—by all classes, in fact, except by the wild, lawless, worthless Chiefs. We have tried years of external influence with them in vain, and it is time that they should be relieved of a duty which they cannot fulfil."

THE MALAY PENINSULA.

The *Globe* says we are informed that immediate orders have been given for the composite sloop *Egeria*, 14 guns, the screw corvette *Modeste*, 14 guns, and the double-screw gun vessel *Kingdove*, three guns, to join the gun vessels *Thistle* and *Fly* at Singapore, and that Admiral Ryder, the commander-in-chief on the China Station, will follow in his flag-ship, *Audacious*, 14 guns. A naval force of six vessels, mounting 43 guns, and having on board more than 1000 officers and men, of whom 150 are marines, will thus be assembled at Singapore available for any emergency that may arise.