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THE MALAY PENINSULA.

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 Jervois is at Perak. Troops have been telegraphed for from Hongkong. The Modeste, man-of-war, from Labuan, and the Thistle and Fly, gunboats, have arrived near Perak. There are about 400 troops at Perak.

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Another war with the barbarians, or pirates, of the Straits of Malacca, may be rendered necessary in consequence of the murder of Mr. Birch by the Malay pirates of Perak. As we had to teach, by rocket and rifle, lessons in Abyssinia and at Coomassie, that Englishmen's lives must be respected, so we may be compelled to give another costly lesson, with the same weapons, to the Malay pirates of the Straits. On the whole, the prospect that British powder will be burned in earnest in the coming year is much too good for the interests of the British taxpayer.