

THE MURDER OF MR. BIRCH.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAM.]

PENANG, TUESDAY.

The Pluto has returned 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 Colonial Office has issued the following statement:—

“Telegraphic intelligence has been received from Singapore that the besieged British Residency 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's 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 wounded, and one is reported missing.

The Governor was on his way to Batu Rabit, 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 Hongkong and Calcutta.

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 and Hongkong to take part in the further operations against the Malays.

[FROM THE "TIMES."]

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

PANANG, WEDNESDAY.

The Rajah of Lilla has ordered the districts of Larut, Salangore, and Perak to take up arms.

Johore and Queda are friendly.

The troops have retired to Baturabet, Sultan Ab doolla's residence, ten miles below the Residency.

The Ringdove and Egeria gunboats are expected from China.

One thousand men, with artillery, are on their way from India.

The Malays are ejecting the Chinese inhabitants who are friendly to the English, and are recruiting their forces in the outlying districts.

A religious war is expected.