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THE MALAY OUTBREAK.

The *Straits Observer*, which strongly opposes the policy adopted by Sir Andrew Clarke, the late Governor of the Straits Settlements, of governing the native States of the Malay Peninsula through Residents, has in the files just received one or two paragraphs asserting that affairs in Perak were not going on smoothly. The two following items are from the *Observer* of September 21 and October 1 respectively:—

Rumour has it that the Resident at Perak and his assistant are at daggers drawn. Also, that the Sultan of Perak has broken four conditions of the Treaty of Pangkor, and that he was to come to Singapore next week in company with Mr. Birch. As to breaking four of the conditions of the treaty, we have always heard that the treaty was merely a piece of waste paper, and the report does not say which Sultan was coming down—our puppet or the real animal?

The *Pluto* colonial steamer, so it is rumoured, will, on her return from Perak, be despatched back again on Sunday with a company and two officers of her Majesty's 1-10th Foot. What for? To save the Resident from being krissed?

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