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LATEST TELEGRAMS.

THERE is further good news from Perak. It will be remembered that after the despatch of the reports from that locality which we printed yesterday week, the telegraphic cable between Penang and Madras broke. The Colonial Office, however, has received by the circuitous route of Nagasaki and Wladinostock a despatch from Singapore dated Sunday last. On Monday week the British force in Perak advanced from the Residency and shelled and took four stockades at Passir Sala, where Mr. BIRCH was murdered. Since then the gun-boats Kingdove and Egeria had left Singapore for Perak. Major-General COLBOURNE, who left Hong Kong with 300 men of the 80th Regiment on the 11th inst., left Singapore on Thursday last for Perak. Mr. DAVIDSON, the British Resident at Salangore, sends satisfactory news from that independent State, so that the apprehension of a combination against us of Malay States which had never combined before is utterly groundless. The resistance to us has so far been confined to Perak, and to that part of it the chiefs of which adhere to Sultan ISMAIL. In an earlier communication from the Colonial Office it was stated that the affray in which Mr. BIRCH was murdered arose out of the tearing down by a Malay of a proclamation which was posted throughout Perak on the 1st of November. Copies of that proclamation have now arrived, and they disclose the fact that on that day the British Government assumed the Administration of Perak in the name of the SULTAN, appointing Commissioners and Assistant Commissioners to act for it. This step, it was announced, had been taken at the request of the SULTAN, "with the view of reconciling opposing factions and promoting order and good government." We do not know why the Colonial Office should have kept the public at home in ignorance of a fact known to it, and which materially affects our responsibilities in that part of the world.