

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MALAY DISTURBANCES.

The following has been sent to us from the Colonial Office:—

"A despatch received at the Colonial Office yesterday throws light upon the action of the Government of the Straits Settlements immediately before the outbreak. It encloses three proclamations, which are apparently those referred to in the first official telegrams as having been posted and subsequently torn down. The first of these proclamations, sealed by Sultan Abdullah on the 2d October, acknowledges the British residents and any other British officers appointed to reside in Perak to be judges, with power to punish all crimes and try all cases and to appoint magistrates. The second, sealed by the Sultan on the same day, acknowledges the same residents and officers to be the Sultan's representatives, to carry out in his name all the affairs of the country, as well as to collect and expend all the revenues, and appoint all the Datus and Pungulus, and in fine, to set in order all the affairs of the country. The third proclamation, signed by Sir W. Jervais on the 15th October, declares that Her Majesty's Government, in compliance with the request of the Sultan and Chiefs of Perak, have determined to administer the government of Perak in the name of the Sultan; and that to this end the Governor is about to appoint officers, who will be styled commissioners and assistant commissioners of the Queen, to carry on the government of the State, and that a Malay Council of Rajahs of Perak of the highest rank will be appointed to aid the said commissioners in matters touching the affairs of the government of Perak."

Part of the 77th Regiment left Woolwich yesterday for the East.

Orders have been given to the Army Hospital Corps stationed at Aldershot to furnish a detachment of 1 sergeant and 20 privates to replace reinforcements sent from Malta to the Straits Settlements.