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1822.

Jan. 31. Mr. Frederick J. Joliffe, late Master of the Boarding School at Breach House, aged 28 years, after a lingering and painful illness.

Lately, At Batavia, Mr. John Watts, chief officer of the brig Countess of Loudon, of Bombay.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.

A letter has been received from Goa dated 6th Dec., stating that a counter-revolution had taken place, the result of which was the formation of another junta, composed as follows:

President,

Don Manuel de Camara (the new Governor).

Members.

Archbishop of Cranganore,
Brigadier General de Mello,
Physician General,
Decembargado Lyal.

The letter goes on to state that the former junta rendered themselves unpopular by their proceedings towards the military. Parties were said to run high, and it was feared that all was not finally settled.—*Bom. Gaz., Dec. 12.*

CEYLON.

BIRTH.

Oct. 17. At Trincomalee, the lady of Assist. Surg. John Comius Bulkely, His Majesty's 16th regt. of Foot, of a son.

PENANG.

Nov. 14, 1821. Accounts from Borneo state, that great frauds have lately been practised at Sambas and the other ports of that island, in the delivery of gold dust as payment for merchandize. It has been discovered that silver filing coloured, and a species of yellow sand, is mixed with the gold dust; very great precaution is therefore necessary in receiving this article at those places: we are assured that a loss of about 17½ per cent. had been experienced in two instances lately. The Dutch, we understand, now levy a duty of eight per cent. on all merchandize, and 100 dollars on every chest of opium.

Nov. 21. Considerable sensation has been created in the island during the last two days from the sudden and unprecedented rise in the price of grain in the market. There has been a scarcity of rice experienced for some time to the eastward, and during the last two months it has been gradually rising here; but on Monday the bazars were suddenly closed, and three gantons only could be obtained for a dollar, which caused great tumult and consternation among the natives. The cause of the sud-

den rise of the price of this article is attributed to the report received here of an attack having been made by a body of Siamese, said to consist of 5,000 men, on the territories of the Rajah of Kedah, whence our supplies are obtained, who have pillaged, burnt, and destroyed the principal towns and villages belonging to the Rajah, with the sacrifice of several lives on both sides. The people of Kedah are flying in every direction from the invaders, and some boats have come over here with several families for protection.

Nov. 28.—Came into the harbour the brig St. Antonio, Capt. R. W. Heming, from Port Jackson the 1st of May, and Malacca the 11th instant. By this occasion we have received the melancholy account of the loss of the ship Rozella, Capt. Stevens, belonging to the port of Mauritius, in the Straits of Alass, off Carabattoo Island, and the subsequent murder of the captain and his wife, and officers and crew, by the crew of a Malayan prow, which it was pretended was affording them protection and conveyance to the port of Beemah. The St. Antonio fell in with a prow, off Bally Hill, having on board the gunner and six lascars of this ill-fated vessel, who reported that after the ship had got aground, and no hopes entertained of getting her off, the captain and all on board took to the boats and landed on Carabattoo Island, where the Rajah received them with seeming hospitality, and gave them a prow to convey them to the port of Beemah, and on which they embarked in perfect confidence, with the exception of the gunner and six lascars, who fortunately proceeded in the ship's cutter, the prow not being sufficiently capacious to accommodate the whole. They had, however, scarcely got out of sight of the island, when they beheld with horror the bodies of their late commander, his wife, and several others floating past them, and immediately after they were hailed by the Malays to go alongside of the prow; but the cutter being a superior sailer, made the best of her way to Beemah, where the resident, with great humanity, afforded them assistance, and provided a prow to convey them to Soorabaya.

Daring Piracy.—By a late arrival we have been favoured with the communication of a most daring piracy having been committed on a Chuliah brig, the Calender Bux, while at anchor in the harbour of Boorong, on the Acheen coast, by two armed boats manned by Acheenese, which is related in the following letter and extract:—

“ To the Editor of the Penang Gazette.

Sir:—The Chuliah brig, Calender Bux, was boarded by the Acheenese last night, who plundered her of all the property they could find; as they made no noise we knew nothing of it till after they

had left the brig, although she was near to us. The following extract from this ship's log-book may, perhaps, be of some service to the poor Chuliah if published.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
R. G. TRILL.

Ship *Minerva*, Boorong Roads,
Sept. 25, 1821.

Extract from the ship *Minerva's* Log-book,
Sept. 22, 1821.

At half-past eleven, P.M., was hailed from the Chuliah brig, *Calender Bux* (at anchor here about one-third of a mile to the westward of us), saying they had been plundered by the Acheenese. About a quarter of an hour after her *Noquedah* came on board, who told us that a large boat and a small boat, both full of men, had boarded them at about half past ten P.M., when they (the Acheenese) threatened to kill the Chulihahs if they made the least noise. They plundered the brig of all they could find in their hurry, viz. five bales of piece goods, two bales of tobacco, 2,000 Spanish dollars, and all the clothes, &c. &c. in the people's chests: having taken every thing they could from her, they departed towards *Pedier*. The *Noquedah* says, he is confident that he saw *Toonko Puckier* (Rajah of *Pedier*) on board among the people who plundered him. At the request of the *Noquedah*, sent our jolly boat armed to remain alongside of him till day light, to prevent his being boarded again. R. G. Trill, commander,
T. R. Davis, chief mate.

[*Penang Gaz.*

King of Queda.—"Some days ago we were informed that the king of *Queda*, having been engaged in hostilities with the Siamese, had been completely defeated, and obliged to leave his dominions for *Penang*, where he found shelter and protection. The accounts now received by the *St. Antonio* enable us to add, that the animosity of the victors had carried them to a greater length than could have been expected, for the expatriated monarch had no sooner taken refuge under the British flag, than they sent an envoy to demand him, either dead or alive, of the *Penang* Government. An answer being given in the negative, they again demanded his head, threatening to commence hostilities unless their desires were complied with. Finding this repeated effort at intimidation fruitless, they lowered their tone a little, and required permission to send ten boats into the river to search for the king on the island, pretending to believe that he was not in the town. This was, of course, refused, and they were informed by the *Penang* Government that directions had been issued to the cruisers under its orders to treat all of their armed boats that might be found near the island or on the opposite coast as enemies, yet without

using unnecessary force to subdue them. Subsequently several of the Siamese boats, the crews of which were very audacious, were detained and sent in, and in one of them was found a letter to the Captain Chinaman of *Penang*, with a present accompanying it, inviting him to raise his countrymen on their side, as soon as they should attack the island, which they proposed to do without delay. For this purpose they said that they had collected upwards of 7,000 men on the opposite shore. The alarm of the native inhabitants at *Penang* is considerable, and the Chinamen, &c. who have property on the island, are employed in repairing their old muskets or purchasing other arms for the purpose of defending it against their expected visitors. Dispatches have been forwarded by the *Penang* Government to the Governor-General by the *St. Antonio*."—*Cal. Jour.* Jan. 5.

Further Particulars. — Letters which have been kindly shewn to us, mention that it was thought not improbable that the King of *Siam* would keep *Dr. Crawford* until the King of *Queda* is handed over to his General, the *Rajah of Ligor*. The Governor of *Malacca* had sent up His Majesty's ship the *Malumpus* of forty-four guns and 390 men, to the assistance of the island in case of an attack, which, however, was not considered probable. A letter of the 5th instant, with which we have been favoured, says, "our people here seem to think little of the few troops we have on the island, although there is a million sterling of property here belonging to the three great Presidencies of *India*, besides what belongs to the island, as much more, which might all be destroyed, or at least a great part of it, by the town being set on fire by the Siamese in a dozen of places some dark night. I hope, however, they will be deterred by seeing so many ships coming and going. Nothing else, I assure you, can alarm them."—*Mad. Cour.*, Jan. 22.

BIRTH.

Nov. 17. The lady of the Rev. R. S. Hutchins, A.M. of a daughter.

SUMATRA.

PALEMBANG.

Our accounts from the Eastward state that the Dutch, in settling the affairs of *Palembang*, have placed the deposed Sultan's brother, called *Soohoonan*, upon the throne, and are busily occupied in searching for the treasures of the former, which were immense, and which will serve to reimburse them for the heavy expenses attending their protracted conquest. To facilitate the discovery and acquirement of all that is hidden, they menace those who