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Attempt to burn the Ship Anna.—The *Commerce* brings a report of the grab ship *Anna*, of this island, having been wilfully set fire to, when at anchor in Acheen roads, on the 11th ultimo. The dreadful element had at one time attained considerable height, but by the prompt exertions of Captain Murat and his officers, it was happily got under without doing much mischief. From the inquiry instituted by Capt. Murat it appeared that two of the ship's lascars (Arabs) were the only persons concerned in this diabolical attempt, one of whom had deserted from the ship the night preceding the discovery; the other being strongly suspected and raised up to the rigging, confessed an intention to burn the ship in connection with the runaway. The deserter was subsequently seen walking the streets of Acheen, and repeated most earnest written and personal applications were made to the rajah, both by Capt. Murat and the commander of the *Commerce*, to have him delivered up, but without success. The *Anna* proceeded on her voyage to the west coast on the 18th March. We cannot well pass over this without observing, that scarcely a month elapses without our being called upon to notice some atrocity on the part of the government of Acheen towards British subjects and property.

Piracy.—It is said that piracy is increasing to a most alarming degree on the west coast, the principal desperadoes being the old Malay settlers at the pepper ports. Several Chuliahs have felt compelled to sacrifice their goods at any price rather than proceed farther, knowing that the pirates had obtained intelligence of their intentions to move onwards and were way-laying them.—*Penang Reg.* April 2.
