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*From the Penang Gazette, April 25.*

The following is a translation of a letter received by a most respectable merchant of this island:—“We, the crew of the brig *Curious*, Capt. Mitchell, belonging to D. Augustin Escarella, beg to state to you, that we are 12 in number, that we sailed from *Manilla* under the Spanish flag, (sister to the English flag,) on the 1st of Feb. 1818, with the view of selling our cargo. On the 8th of the same month we anchored in the harbour of *Sambas*, where we were visited by the Sultan and other Malays, one of whom, the *Datoo*, promised to be security for the safety of the crew. He told us that he had a brother, King of *Sarassan*, who had written him a letter, desiring him, if there should be any vessel in *Sambas*, to send her to *Sarasan* and he could provide a whole cargo. In fine he offered to go with the vessel that she might not be annoyed. He accordingly embarked with 12 Malays, and we sailed for *Sarasan*, where we arrived in five days. The *Datoo* went on shore and returned about twelve o'clock at night, saying he had 900 pikuls of *brechu de mar*, and 20 pikuls of bird's nests. At day light he invited the Capt. to go on shore to weigh the *brechu de mar*. The supercargo went in a boat with four sailors and four Chinamen, captain Mitchell went in the launch with nine sailors. About 10 o'clock in the day, about eight boats full of Malays came on board, and at 12 they began to murder the crew. We who remain are 12 in number, who entreat of you to restore us to our friends, &c.”