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Celebes and the Eastward.—About 100 Bugis prahus have come here this season, from various parts of the Eastern Seas, being a greater number than has ever visited the port before; notwithstanding a civil war prevailed in the interior of Celebes, which detained a considerable number of them. The size of these boats is from 40 to 100 tons, but commonly from 40 to 50. Their crews average from 20 to 80 men, and at one period we had not fewer of these strangers among us than from two to three thousand. They have imported about 50,000 dollars worth of tortoise-shell, and the usual articles to a considerable amount. The greater number of them have now left us. The articles of exportation, in which they have chiefly dealt this year, are fire-arms and ammunition, white British cottons, bombazines, light broad cloths, opium, iron and steel.

(From the Singapore Chronicle of 5th Feb. 1824.)