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ship during a long sea voyage. In fact, the great desideratum appears to be, the establishment of the communication on this side of the isthmus. There is such a constant intercourse between Alexandria and almost every part of Europe, that the want of steam vessels in the Mediterranean would be less severely felt.—*Bombay Courier*, Feb. 19.

SHIPPING.

The grab Lakasa, of this port, was shipwrecked off the coast of Madras, during a gale of wind, on the 3d Nov. last. Some of the persons were drowned in landing. A considerable quantity of her cotton and opium appears to have been saved. The Alfred, Lamb, from London, arrived at Bombay on the 23d February.

BIRTH.

Jan. 30. At Baroda, the lady of Lieut. C. Waddington, of the engineers, of a son.

Ceylon.

PRESENTATION OF SINGALESE LADIES.

We learn from Kandy, that rather a novel scene occurred there last Thursday, in the presentation to Lady Barnes of the ladies of the principal Kandyan chiefs. The usual seclusion of Asiatic females of rank is pretty strictly adhered to in this part of the island; but it was still customary for the families of the chiefs to pay their respects to the king and queen, both on great feasts and occasional visits. Lady Barnes having expressed a wish that the Kandyan ladies should be introduced to her, the chiefs gave their ready assent; and on Thursday the assemblage of all those of the highest rank took place at the Governor's residence. They came in palanquins, attended by numerous male and female domestics, and accompanied by their respective husbands; the ladies, richly dressed and weightily adorned with jewels, being arranged on one side of the room, according to their grandeur of rank, and the chiefs on the other; Lady Barnes accompanied by the English ladies of the place. His Excellency the Governor, his staff and other officers in Kandy, came into the room, and entered into conversation with each of them for some minutes, after which the usual eastern ceremony of presenting betel; was gone through; the distributions were made by the first Adigar, at the desire of Lady Barnes. The Kandyan ladies then took leave, and having immediately recovered from the uneasy sensations which the novelty of the scene had at first impressed them with, appeared to accede with great willingness to the ladyship's invitation, to accept their visits hereafter.—(Ceylon Gazette, Jan. 28th.)

Feb. 12. At Colombo, Capt. Trydell, H.M.'s 63d foot, to Lucy, second daughter of the Rev. N. Gamal, colonial and military chaplain.

DEATH.

Jan. 31. At Mattam, Mr. C. H. Hooper, medical superintendent at that station, aged 35.

Singapore.

PIRACY OF THE MALAYS.—THE GENERAL DE KOCK.

Declaration of the Commander on the west coast of Borneo.—The undersigned declares by these, that all the reports he has received concerning the brig General de Kock, and her crew (which brig was taken by the undermentioned pirates), agree, viz.: That the vessel was run ashore at Pulo Bauwal (one of the islands to the eastward of Pulo Mancap), and there burned down to the water's edge, and that the crew belonging to her were massacred.

That part of the cargo has been brought to Lingin, and a part to Pulo Lant, through the inhabitants of Kanderwangong (on the coast of Borneo), near to Mancap.

That the inhabitants of Mattam, on hearing of the burning of this vessel, went to Pulo Bauwal, and found there one iron anchor and chain, which is at present in the possession of the Sultan of Mattam, and which he has made over to the Java Government.

Some fishermen likewise found a quantity of iron bars, and tore the copper off the vessel, which they sold at Mattam to some inhabitants of this place; on their bringing the above goods here, they were seized and put in the Government godown until the 6th of last month, when they were sold by public auction, by authority of the commander on these coasts; the goods fetched a sum of 1,234 Java rupees. According to the annexed extract the above sum of money has been placed at the disposal and direction of his Excellency the Secretary of State and Governor General.

Pontiana, 27th November, 1824.

(Signed) D. IRONDEN DUNCAN GRONOVUS.

The pirates that cut off the brig General de Kock were as follow:—

Panglimas.—Lamat, Nala, Turgang (since dead at Kotta Rihgin), Pangkang, Tangelang, Poeloe, Joelia, Intia, Amat, D. Joelling, Badia, Pola (since murdered at Kotta Rihgin).

(Signed) GRONOVUS.

The above men, being all panglimas, a title in the Malayan language meaning a chief in command, as panglima laut, an admiral (laut signifying the sea), panglima prang, a general (from prang, battle), naturally leads us at once to affirm that they were only the leaders in this horrid affair, and we have most sanguine expectation that, are long, some of them will meet that award which their detestable barbarity so well deserves. The Dutch government

government from their great knowledge of the Malays in general, and the haunts of these marauders, together with their well-known activity in the punishment of offenders, will, we doubt not, shew little mercy to such ~~robbers~~ ^{thieves} who may fall into their hands. An example is much wanted, and we would feel happy to have it in our power to record such a one as might be the means of deterring their vile propensities, which at present deter the native traders particularly, in a great measure from availing themselves of the advantage of their situations in commercial intercourse, one of the first grand steps towards civilization, — [*Singapore Chron.*, Dec. 23.]

DOMESTIC.

With the greatest degree of pleasure, we have observed lately the rapid increase of brick houses and godowns on the south side of the river. The great change in the short space of two years which this settlement has experienced, and its sudden rise from a mere village to a populous and well-arranged town, is indeed surprising, and can only to be attributed to the good effects of an extensive and various trade, and the well known liberality of the British capitalist. — [*Ibid.*, Dec. 9.]

PILGRIMAGE TO MECCA.

An Arab ship arrived in the roads on the 6th instant, on her way to Java, bringing not less than 286 pilgrims, natives of the different islands of the Archipelago, but chiefly Javanese. We understand, from persons who performed the pilgrimage last year, that there were present at Mocha, during the season of the pilgrimage, no less than 900 inhabitants of the Malayan Archipelago, and that about the same number visit it every year. — [*Singapore Chron.*, Dec. 9.]

TRADE.

Chinese Junk.—The first Chinese junk of the season arrived on the 1st instant. This vessel is of the size of 6,000 piculs (375 tons); her crew consists of ninety-six persons; her cargo is worth 20,000 Sp. dollars, and she has brought 450 Chinese emigrants. The commander of the vessel who sails from the port and harbour of Chang-lin, in the province of Canton, states, that there will clear out this season, from that port, for various places, to the westward, the following junks: for Singapore four, for Siam one, for Batavia two, for Pontiana two, for Sambas one, for Kalantan one, for Palembang one, for Banca one, for Cochin China six, and for Tonquin three—making in all twenty-two. This is calculated to convey rather a respectable notion of the foreign trade of the port of Chang-lin.

Siam.—Two junks have arrived since our last from Bangkok; but, having made

very long passages, they bring us no news. The British conquests on the coast of Tannasserim appear to have been perfectly well known at the Siamese capital prior to their departure. The following are the particulars of the cargo of one of these vessels.

Sugar, 1,100 piculs	Drs. 6,600
Rice, ordinary market, 1,401 do...	1,750
Rice, do., white, 600 do.....	1,050
Salt, 600 do.....	800
Cocoa nut Oil, 120 do.....	500
Cast-iron pots, No. 2,100.....	1,470
Pepper, 50 piculs.....	400
Tea, 18 boxes, 20 catties each.....	70
Hides, No. 130.....	182

Total.....Sp. Drs. 12,872

[*Singapore Chron.*, Feb. 3.]

Camboja.—On the 12th Dec. a small junk arrived from Kangkao, in Camboja. Her cargo consisted of 110 hogs, or, as the Chinese express it in their more accurate way, of eighty piculs of hogs and a quantity of salt. This is the first direct arrival which we have ever had from the port of Kangkao.—[*Ibid.*]

SINGAPORE PRICE CURRENT.—Feb. 3, 1825.

Alum.....	Drs. 2½	to 8 per picul
Bird's Nests.....	30½	35 catty
Campfire (Baroos)....	23	27 ...
Dragon's Blood.....	4½	12½ ...
Elephants' Teeth.....	40	90 ...
Flints.....	3½	4½ ...
Gambier.....	6	6½ picul.
Gunnies.....	12	21 ...
Gunpowder.....	20 to 25½	per bl. 100 lbs.
Nankeens, long.....	60	70 100
Oil, cocoanut.....	5½	6½ per picul
Opium, Patna.....	730	750 ...
Benares.....		725 ...
Malwa.....		none
Turkey.....		none
Pepper.....	7½	8 ...
Sugar, White Siam....	6½	6½ ...
Sapan Wood.....	2	2½ ...
Spices, Cloves.....	71	90 ...
Tin.....	21	21½ ...
Wax, Bees.....	38	42 ...

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JAVA.—SUMATRA.

Batavia, March 16.—His highness the Sultan of Palembang, Hoesian Dja Gedie, who was lately brought as a prisoner from that place to Batavia, died on the 22d Feb., of a consumption, with which he had been for some time afflicted, and on account of which he was removed a few days ago from the Town Hall to the residence of the native master of the ceremonies.

His Majesty's corvette the *Dolphin*, which left Palembang on the 4th Feb., 3 A