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This affair requires no comment if all this be true; but as I have not had an opportunity to procure information from proper authorities, you must just take the *onduis* of the day." Another account states, "that during the negociation Diepo was in the habit of riding with General De Kock in his carriage, and that on the day of Diepo's being made a prisoner, he was thus engaged, when the general drove the carriage into the lines, and getting out on some pretence, the guards came round in numbers and seized Diepo." It appears that the rebel chief was embarked, on the 3d May last, on board the *Pollux* man of war, to be conveyed to the Molucca islands.

SULTAN OF SOLO.

By authentic accounts from Java, we learn the Sultan of Solo is under confinement on board the guard ship at Batavia. It is stated that the Sultan, incensed at the capture of Diepo Negoro, was arming his people with hostile intentions, when Colonel Nahuys, the resident at Solo, seized him in his palace and sent him a prisoner to Batavia. This stroke of policy has long been contemplated by the Batavian government, and gives them complete power over those states, hitherto considered independent, as the Sultan was chief of all the native princes in Java.—*Sing. Chron.* July 1.

DISTURBANCES IN SUMATRA.

We have seen a letter dated Pulo Ealy, (west coast of Sumatra) 3d of May 1830, giving an account of the capture of the town and fort of Tappanooly, on the 4th of December last, by Seedie Marra and eleven men, who burnt the fort and government house, as also did the Batta people the bazar. There were about twenty

soldiers and followers in the fort, (Europeans and Sepoys;) three of the former were killed, the latter ran away. Seedie Marra lost one man, whom he buried under the flag staff, and was himself wounded, but not dangerously. He behaved in a most daring and intrepid manner, for on landing he shoved off his boat, determined, as well as his chosen few, to revenge himself or die in the attempt; and when he got possession of the fort, he hailed some of the inhabitants, Malays and others, informing them of his grievances, and entreating them not to be alarmed, or leave the island, for that far from molesting them he would be the first to protect them from the Battas, who are ever ready to plunder in such cases. He told them he had suffered from the Dutch, and that even the taking of that place would not satisfy him, unless the government made suitable compensation for the injuries he had received and the losses he had sustained, (alluding to some affair at Natal.)

On the report reaching Padang, the government sent up their gun boat, and the *Sylph*, a hired vessel, which were both sent with a commissioner on board to seize Seedie Marra. They went as far as Baroes, and without any intimation or once seeing the Tuanko, fired into the town, or tried to do so, but some of the shots went over the houses, whilst others fell on the beach. The Baroes people, "seeing no fun in this," picked up all the shot they could, which, added to what they had, soon drove the vessels away.

The letter gives no other information, further than that the whole coast is in a state of uproar, from Natal to Baroes, and in consequence a total stagnation of trade.—*Sing. Chron.* July 1.

Postscript.

ACCOUNTS bearing date the 8th May, have been received at Calcutta, announcing the safe arrival at Ava of the British resident, who, after proceeding as far as Promé in the *Diana* steamer, went to Ava in seventeen days. Temporary houses were erected at convenient stages for the accommodation of the resident and escort.

The general appearance of the country between Rangoon and the capital did not give a very lively idea of general prosperity or a thriving population, and on the whole, was much inferior in external appearance to Mergui and Tavoy, where orchards and gardens greet the eye. The mission reached Ava on the 23d April, and the resident was received with great attention and respect by a deputation, consisting of two woodducks, an attend-woon, and two tzancee-dangees, who ushered him to the mansion appointed by the king for his accommodation.

On the forenoon of the 4th May the British resident proceeded in state to the Youm-dau, where he was received by a high council of woongyees and attend-woons, to whom he shewed his credentials, which gave great satisfaction. No day had been fixed for the presentation of the resident to the king, in consequence of the temporary absence of his Majesty, the Queen, and almost the whole court, who had proceeded some fifteen miles up the country to escort from the quarry an immense block of marble, out of which was to be sculptured a gigantic statue of Gaudama.

In the forenoon of the 26th April a most distinct and severe shock of earthquake had been experienced at Ava, and most persons rushed out of their houses.