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more than that the monster's mouth was close to his own. His companion, Lieut. Small, saw the tiger spring; he gave a backward-eat-like stroke with his paw, and on Wilson's fall he smelt him, paused for a moment, and then leapt off, as a cat would have done if disturbed at a meal. Swift, expecting Wilson had been killed, reached the camp, and immediately sent his dooley (a sort of palanquin) bearers to the spot. They found the gentleman alive, but insensible; his flesh had been torn away from the head downwards to the lower part of the back, and a wound also on the thigh—in all nineteen wounds. A half-eaten buffalo was found in the jungle: luckily for Wilson the tiger had died. We are happy to add, that the wounded gentleman is now living and well; both the sportsmen will be rather more cautious in future, how they go snipe-shooting in India.

CIVIL APPOINTMENT.

12th Sept. 1816.—Mr. A. Crawford, to be 2d Assiat. to the Collector of Surat.

BOMBAY SHIPPING.

Arrivals.—Aug. 31.—Brig Johnny, Capt. Baland, from Prince Wales' Island.

Sept. 1.—H. C. Craiser, Aurora, Capt. Barnes from Bassora.—6th. Earl of Buckinghamshire from Greenock; Capt. R. Christian, ship Orpheus, Capt. Finley from London.—10th. Ship Curragh Bux from the Persian Gulph.

Departures.—Aug. 31.—Arrived Boat Chaser.—Sept. 3.—Ship Milford; Capt. M. Boles to China.—Passengers.—Mrs. Boles and child; Rev. V. Mary Orimo, a Franciscan Friar and Apostolic Missionary.—3. Ship Lord Castlereagh, Capt. Mr. B. Laing to Calcutta.—9. H. M. Sloop Challenger, P. H. Brydges, Esq. Captain.

FORT MARLBOROUGH.

BIRTHS.

May 25d. At Fort Marlborough, the lady of Charles Holloway, Esq. of a daughter.

DEATHS.

July 3d. At Fort Marlborough the infant daughter of C. Holloway, Esq.

15th. At the same place, Capt. Capton Thomas, late of the Country Service.

JAVA.

Termate, 1st July.—“The ship Theban, Capt Robertson, belonging to Java, sailed from this port for Amboyna on the 24th April last. During the passage nine Javanese, who composed part of the crew, killed the captain; the first mate, (Mr. Athanas) and a boy. They afterwards run the ship ashore at Kulla Bessee; and took to the ship's boat, in which they proceeded to sea, taking with them an unfortunate girl belonging to Amboyna, her two slaves, all the money found in the ship, and some other articles.—This information was communicated by three Bengali Lascars, who afterwards arrived at Kulla Bessee. The Javanese threatened to murder them; but set them free after much entreaty. We are daily looking for the Lascars at this Island. Although no accounts have yet been received of the Javanese, every expedient for their apprehension has been resorted to, and we think it very possible that ere long they will be laid hold of.

We observe that it is stated in a Calcutta Journal; that a gentleman recently arrived from Java, mentions that the sentiments which generally prevail at Batavia are not gratifying to our national feelings. This, it is added, is really, what we expected; and we think it very possible that the delay which unavoidably took place in delivering up the island may have produced some slight degree of irritability in the minds of those who were so long waiting for place and employment. It must also be recollected, in justice to the Dutch, that they considered themselves as delayed in getting possession of their own property; that the old inhabitants had lived too long under new masters, and were anxious to see their national government restored; and that the Commissioners and suite were naturally anxious to assume their honours, and exercise their authority.

PENANG.

Extract of a Letter from Penang.—

The H. C. ship Elphinstone having sprung the foremast in her passage across the bay, put into Buroog for the purpose of procuring a spar to refit; Capt. Haviside, Mr. Mundy, his second mate, Mr. Macdonald, Surgeon; the carpenter, a midshipman, and some seamen, in all making thirteen persons, went on shore for the purpose of cutting down a tree for that purpose. They had not been landed long, when while the carpenter and his gang were employed in felling one, the other party was attacked by some Malays, and in an instant the second mate and Doctor were killed on the spot, and Captain Haviside with five seamen most dreadfully wounded. An investigation is now taking place, and the deposition of the parties will no doubt be forwarded by this opportunity to the Supreme Government. Capt. Haviside's wounds are so bad, that (though most anxious) he is not able from great pain and danger to give his testimony. It is supposed that he must lose his arm.

An American, in the service of the new king of Acheen is arrived, it is said, to explain matters. Many contradictory reports of the origin of this atrocious affair are afloat; thus much however is certain, that precaution had been taken to procure leave to land and fell the tree, previous to the party leaving the boat.

The wounded men were left in the hospital at Penang, and the Elphinstone with Capt. Haviside proceeded in company with the Wexford for China, on the 30th Sept. The wounded we are sorry to add were considered in a very bad state.

APPOINTMENT.

F. Cornwallis, 20th Sept. 1816.—Robert Ibbotson, Esq. to be Sheriff of Prince of Wales' Island for the ensuing twelve months.