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## Penang.

### MALAY EMIGRANTS.

We understand that during the last fortnight, nearly 1,300 Malays, men, women and children, have arrived in this island and at Point Wellesley, from a neighbouring district of the Siamese territory called Setual; from which, it is said, they fled in consequence of orders being given by the Siamese government, some months ago, to seize and send to Siam or Ligor a certain number of youths of from 13 to 16 years old, the greater part of which is to be furnished by that district. It is also reported that several other persons have likewise fled to different places to avoid compliance with this order, while many families have already felt its full severity by the seizure and abduction of their children. The cause assigned for this despotic and unnatural mandate is understood to be an intention of forming an establishment of goldsmiths and other handicraft for the palace of his Majesty the King of Siam. A party of 35 persons, not included in the above-mentioned number, but emigrating from the same cause, arrived here early in September last.—*Penang Reg.*, Jan. 2.

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