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One of those extraordinary instances of retributive justice with which an omnipotent Providence, sooner or later, visits the sins of mankind, has lately occurred at this port; the case we allude to is one in which a Malay sailor, who was concerned in a mutiny, and most foul and atrocious murder of the officers and crew of a vessel, nearly fourteen years ago, has been lately recognized serving on board his Netherland majesty's brig Prince of Orange, whilst lying in these roads. Previous to detailing such particulars of the discovery as at present are proper to be divulged, it may be as well to remind our readers that on the 2d of July, so many years ago as 1804, the grab ship Endeavour, Capt. Landon, was cut off on the coast of Pedier (west coast of Sumatra) by one part of the crew, consisting principally of Malays, and, melancholy to relate, the captain, chief, and third mates of the vessel, together with the greater part of the crew not engaged in the mutiny, were murdered. The gunner and a few of the crew were spared, in order to manage the vessel. The vessel belonged to a Mr. Jones of Penang, and only one of the mutineers has been since brought to justice, and he, we believe, was secured soon after the mutiny.

The man now in custody was discovered by Capt. Alexis (who was the gunner of the Endeavour when she was cut off), of the brig Martin, now in the roads, who on going on board the Prince of Orange, recognised in one of the sidesmen the prisoner, a very active performer in the mutiny. The man (named Ally Malay) immediately on seeing Capt. Alexis, started and turned his head away, but on being questioned, he acknowledged he was on board the Endeavour at the time, and that he had killed six of the crew;

he also said that the mutiny was occasioned by the knowledge possessed by part of the crew of there being 12,000 dollars on board, but by which it now appears the wretches did not benefit, as the natives took every thing from them on their reaching the shore, and also compelled them to fly for their lives. Ally Malay on this discovery was put in irons by Capt. Pearl of the Prince of Orange, and we understand the prisoner since denies all knowledge of the facts above detailed.

The brother of the captain who was murdered (Mr. Jones Landon) is now residing at Malacca.