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in Kandy reports the capture of the principal instigator of the Matele disturbance by the well disposed inhabitants of the country, and the suppression of all appearance of insurrection.—[*Ceylon Gov. Gaz.* May 10.

BIRTH, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

BIRTH.

May 12. At Colombo, Mrs. Barnett, wife of J. Barnett, Esq., H. M. Civil Service, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

April 10. At Jaffnapatam, by the Rev. Joseph Knight, the Rev. R. Carver, Wesleyan Missionary, to Miss Anderson, daughter of J. S. Anderson, Esq.

12. At Kandy, by the Rev. Thomas Browning, Mr. Emanuel Matthyaz, clerk of the Commissariat Department at Badulla, to Miss E. M. Landsberger.

— Mr. P. L. Misso, clerk of the Cutcherry of Kandy, to Miss C. W. Landsberger.

29. At Trincomalie, Captain Crofton, H. M. 1st Ceylon regt., to Miss Summerfield, daughter of Major Summerfield, H.M. 83d regt.

May 12. At Colombo, Mr. H. F. Renaux, to Miss A. W. Muller.

— At Matura, by the Rev. R. Mayor, Mr. H. Heyn, medical sub-assistant of Hambantotte, to Miss C. Fredrica Zwartaz.

DEATHS.

April 8. At Mattakolie, near Colombo, Rudolph Samuel Tavel, Esq., aged 68.

May 2. At Colombo, Charles Alexander de Raymond, Esq., aged 28 years.

9. At Jaffna, Thomas Nagel, Esq., late a Captain Landregent of the Wanny Districts, in the service of the Netherlands East-India Company, aged 83 years.

PENANG.

BIRTHS.

March 7. The lady of F. Ferrao, Esq., of a daughter.

30. At Suffolk, the lady of the Hon. W. E. Phillips, Governor, &c. &c. of a son.

DEATHS.

Feb. 7. Philip, the son of Mr. A. M. Augustine, aged 1 year and 15 days.

March 6. Mr. John Lewis, midshipman of the Bombay Marine, aged 19 years.

SINGAPORE.

ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE COL. FARQUHAR.

An account having appeared in the John Bull of yesterday, relative to an attempt to assassinate Col. Farquhar, the worthy Resident of Singapore, we have much pleasure in publishing an authentic account of

the whole of the affair, with which we have been most kindly favoured from the very best source. From this account it appears that a Malay chief, who had been committed to prison for debt, was on the 11th of March, permitted to go in charge of some police peons, to endeavour to obtain bail. Being unsuccessful however in doing so, when night came on, he was pressed by the peons to return to prison. His misfortunes making him desperate, he suddenly drew his kris, killed a jemadar on the spot, wounded two other peons, who were with him, very desperately, and five others slightly. He then made off apparently for the river. A report of the circumstance was now made to the Colonel, who, accompanied by Mr. Bernard, Captain Davis, and a few sepoy went to apprehend this *menga muck*. On reaching the house where he had committed these outrages, the Colonel, Mr. Bernard, and a party went with lights (for it was between seven and eight o'clock, p. m.) round one side of the house, while Captain Davis with another party examined the other. Scarcely had they separated when the chief rushed out, and the Colonel being at the head of the party (and having a lantern close by him, which rendered him a still more conspicuous object) was run at by the man, and received a wound in the left side of the chest, which, but for the intervention of a rib, might have proved mortal. An orderly havildar, who was standing by, immediately grasped the kris, and thereby prevented the repetition of the blow. The Malay fell instantly under the bayonets of the sepoy, who were not a little exasperated at the assassin. The Colonel did not feel much pain from the wound at first, but was afterwards confined to his bed for two or three days. He was so far recovered however by the 17th March, as on that day to be enabled to attend the Sultan's court.

A strange occurrence took place the day after the attack was made on the Colonel. The defunct body of the Malay was tried in the court, found guilty, and by a law, made by Sir S. Raffles at the moment, sentence was by him pronounced, by which it was directed, that the body of the deceased should be hanged in chains, which was forthwith carried into effect.*

From the same kind informant, who favoured us with the above account, we learn that the improvements, projected at Singapore by Sir T. S. Raffles, are proceeding rapidly, and that individuals seem to vie with each other in getting them completed as soon as possible.—[*Beng. Hurk.*, May 10.

BIRTH.

March 6. The lady of Captain Davis, cantonment adjutant, of a son.

* The object of Sir T. S. Raffles in instituting this apparently ludicrous trial was evidently to cast odium on the horrid custom of *running a muck*.—*Ed.*