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LOCAL OCCURRENCES.

Accounts from Macassar state, that the vaccine inoculation makes great progress there, above 1,000 children having been inoculated by the surgeon, Mr. Godepoy, with matter brought from Java by Gen. Severatius. The King of Macassar has had all his children and several of his relations inoculated, and measures are taking to extend this useful discovery throughout the island of Celebes.—*Batavian C. June 11.*

EASTERN SEAS.

Native Pirates.—Extract of a letter received in London, dated Calcutta, 1819, Feb. 21. I believe I mentioned in my last that the Java seas were infested with pirates, and truly I found them so; for on my arrival there on the 10th of March last, we were attacked at night by four very large ones, carrying, as I suppose, from 50 to 60 men each, and after fighting them for nearly two hours and a half, the rascals thought proper to sheer off; lucky, indeed, this was for us, for had they continued the contest a quarter of an hour longer, we should have been all hands murdered, having only six cartridges left. On the following morning we saw them quite plain from the decks, but they did not think proper to approach us. I have since sunk a pirate to the eastward, but the villains had left her before my boats could get on board. There is never any mercy shewn by them, as they always murder every one they take.

Accounts from Batavia on the 31st May, state, "the pirates become every day more and more daring: they have but lately seized on several vessels, and capture our fishing-boats in the very sight of our harbours."

The brig *Hope*, Capt. Fromstend, we understand, has been taken possession of by the pirates between Samarang and Batavia. The captain and crew had taken to the boats and landed at the former place.—*Penang Gaz. June 12.*

Dutch Pirate.—A Dutch pirate has made his appearance in the eastern seas. A man named Thunderwold, formerly a resident at one of the outports in Java, whose property had been confiscated for some offence committed against the Dutch government, has armed and manned two brigs, one mounting 22 guns, and with six praus, is committing great depredations in those seas. It is stated, that he has attacked and sunk two Dutch cruisers and is otherwise annoying their trade materially. A Dutch 74 and a frigate are gone in quest of this marauder, who it is reported is now cruising about the straits of Singapore. We do not, however, learn that he has molested any vessel under British colours.—*Ibid.*

CHINA.

CANTON.

Clerical Appointment.—The Rev. H. Harding has been appointed chaplain to the factory at Canton, the Rev. Atwell Lake, formerly chaplain at Penang, having declined the appointment.

Company's Shipping.—Arrived at Macao, Apollo, 20th August; Cornwall, 30th ditto; Lord Castlereagh, 1st Sept.; Lowther Castle, Charles Grant, and Kellie Castle, 2d ditto; Essex, 6th ditto; Vansittart and Matilda, 8th ditto; Inglis and Marquis Camden, 16th ditto.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

SYDNEY.

Festival given to the Natives.—On the 28th Dec., 1818, in pursuance of the invitation of his Exc. the Governor, announced in two Gazettes, many different parties of the aborigines of the country met together in one large assembly, to partake of the hospitable entertainment offered to them by the hand of government. Although the day was intensely warm, it was not altogether unfavourable for the occasion. At 11 in the forenoon his Exc. the Governor, accompanied by the Lieut. Governor, the members of the Native Institution, and several other gentlemen, entered the circle where these children of nature were seated. Chairs were provided for the chiefs of tribes, detached and advanced from the line of the grand circle, which not only distinguished them personally, but shewed the number and strength of their several tribes, which were placed to the left of their respective chieftains, and consisted of the families of each of them.—The number thus assembled very far exceeds that of any former occasion, being 300 persons, among whom were some tribes who had travelled from beyond the Blue Mountains to be present at this festival, and who were distinguishable from the natives on this side, by their hair being decorated with a number of white feathers, and the teeth of wild animals suspended in rude festoons over their foreheads; their bodies and faces were also painted with red and white ochre, which rendered their appearance singularly *outré*. There was, however, a degree of confidence in their manner, which indicated a consciousness of security in the protection of European friendship, a circumstance, perhaps, the more to be wondered at, when it is considered that this was the first time that several of them had held any intercourse with white men, or had an opportunity of seeing the advancing improvements of the interior settlements of this colony. There were other tribes from the north and south, who had travelled a distance of upwards of 100 miles. After his Exc. had conferred some