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had left the brig, although she was near to us. The following extract from this ship's log-book may, perhaps, be of some service to the poor Chuliah if published.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

R. G. TRILL.

Ship *Minerva*, Boorong Roads,
Sept. 25, 1821.

Extract from the ship *Minerva's* Log-book,
Sept. 22, 1821.

At half-past eleven, P.M., was hailed from the Chuliah brig, *Calender Bux* (at anchor here about one-third of a mile to the westward of us), saying they had been plundered by the Acheenese. About a quarter of an hour after her *Noquedah* came on board, who told us that a large boat and a small boat, both full of men, had boarded them at about half past ten P.M., when they (the Acheenese) threatened to kill the Chuliabs if they made the least noise. They plundered the brig of all they could find in their hurry, viz. five bales of piece goods, two bales of tobacco, 2,000 Spanish dollars, and all the clothes, &c. &c. in the people's chests: having taken every thing they could from her, they departed towards Pedier. The *Noquedah* says, he is confident that he saw Toonko Puckier (Rajah of Pedier) on board among the people who plundered him. At the request of the *Noquedah*, sent our jolly boat armed to remain alongside of him till day light, to prevent his being boarded again. R. G. Trill, commander,
T. R. Davis, chief mate.

[*Penang Gaz.*

King of Queda.—"Some days ago we were informed that the king of Queda, having been engaged in hostilities with the Siamese, had been completely defeated, and obliged to leave his dominions for Penang, where he found shelter and protection. The accounts now received by the St. Antonio enable us to add, that the animosity of the victors had carried them to a greater length than could have been expected, for the expatriated monarch had no sooner taken refuge under the British flag, than they sent an envoy to demand him, either dead or alive, of the Penang Government. An answer being given in the negative, they again demanded his head, threatening to commence hostilities unless their desires were complied with. Finding this repeated effort at intimidation fruitless, they lowered their tone a little, and required permission to send ten boats into the river to search for the king on the island, pretending to believe that he was not in the town. This was, of course, refused, and they were informed by the Penang Government that directions had been issued to the cruisers under its orders to treat all of their armed boats that might be found near the island or on the opposite coast as enemies, yet without

using unnecessary force to subdue them. Subsequently several of the Siamese boats, the crews of which were very audacious, were detained and sent in, and in one of them was found a letter to the Captain Chinaman of Penang, with a present accompanying it, inviting him to raise his countrymen on their side, as soon as they should attack the island, which they proposed to do without delay. For this purpose they said that they had collected upwards of 7,000 men on the opposite shore. The alarm of the native inhabitants at Penang is considerable, and the Chinamen, &c. who have property on the island, are employed in repairing their old muskets or purchasing other arms for the purpose of defending it against their expected visitors. Dispatches have been forwarded by the Penang Government to the Governor-General by the St. Antonio."—*Cal. Jour.* Jan. 5.

Further Particulars. — Letters which have been kindly shewn to us, mention that it was thought not improbable that the King of Siam would keep Dr. Crawford until the King of Queda is handed over to his General, the Rajah of Ligor. The Governor of Malacca had sent up His Majesty's ship the *Malumpus* of forty-four guns and 390 men, to the assistance of the island in case of an attack, which, however, was not considered probable. A letter of the 5th instant, with which we have been favoured, says, "our people here seem to think little of the few troops we have on the island, although there is a million sterling of property here belonging to the three great Presidencies of India, besides what belongs to the island, as much more, which might all be destroyed, or at least a great part of it, by the town being set on fire by the Siamese in a dozen of places some dark night. I hope, however, they will be deterred by seeing so many ships coming and going. Nothing else, I assure you, can alarm them."—*Mad. Cour.*, Jan. 22.

BIRTH.

Nov. 17. The lady of the Rev. R. S. Hutchins, A.M. of a daughter.

SUMATRA.

PALEMBANG.

Our accounts from the Eastward state that the Dutch, in settling the affairs of Palembang, have placed the deposed Sultan's brother, called Soohoonan, upon the throne, and are busily occupied in searching for the treasures of the former, which were immense, and which will serve to reimburse them for the heavy expenses attending their protracted conquest. To facilitate the discovery and acquirement of all that is hidden, they menace those who