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settlements in the straits, which have generated that enterprize.

Cochin China.—The first Cochin China junk of the season arrived a few days ago, and brings a report that the government has this season prohibited the exportation of rice, in consequence of an apprehended scarcity. Similar rumours are in circulation respecting Siam, and the consequence is, that the price of rice has begun to rise considerably in the market, and, it is not improbable, will attain an unusual height in the course of the season. By this opportunity it is ascertained that Messrs. Vannier and Chaigneau, the two French gentlemen who have so long resided in Cochin China, and are mandarins of high rank in that country, are at present at Saigon, where they have freighted two junks to convey themselves and families to this place on their final return to France. M. Vannier has resided upwards of thirty-six years in Cochin China, and M. Chaigneau about thirty. They are both persons of great respectability and intelligence, and it gives us pleasure to be told, that they are returning to France with ample fortunes. M. Chaigneau, who made a short visit to France about four years ago, is Consul-general of the French nation in Cochin China.

Chinese Junks.—Three more of these vessels have arrived since our last, importing, besides their ordinary cargoes, an unusual quantity of tea; we have been informed, not less than 5,000 quarter chests, or 1,250 piculs. The whole of this supply is intended for native consumption, chiefly, we believe, for the markets of Java, and is of a very coarse quality, the export price in China not having, we are told, exceeded three-pence a pound. So great an importation, which it is suspected may be attended with serious loss to the owners, is said to have been encouraged by the high prices fetched by the moderate importations last year.—[*Singapore Chronicle*, Feb. 17.]

MALAYAN BROIL.

Accounts have been received, within the last few days, of the death of Raja Bey, an enterprising Malay chieftain, connected by blood with the family of the kings of Indragiri, but still more illustrious by his deeds of former years as a noted pirate. He quitted this settlement, where he had resided for some time back, about four months ago, in consequence of having fallen into disrepute for a murder alleged to have been committed by him about a year ago, when he had been sent in quest of the late unfortunate Mr. Thornton and his companions. From Singapore he went to Tringanu, and from thence to Kalantan, at which last place, upon his arrival, some of his companions having

landed and mentioned his name, well known in the annals of depredation, some traders of Kalantan upbraided him as a pirate. His followers resented the affront; Raja Bey himself landed to second their efforts; crises were immediately drawn, and the affray ended in a few moments by the death of the chieftain, of eight of his followers, and of five or six of the people of Kalantan. The Raja of that place, on hearing of the rank of Raja Bey, ordered him a suitable funeral. Events of this nature, which are far from being of unfrequent occurrence, afford fair examples of the anarchy and violence which characterize the state of society under the genuine Malayan governments. Raja Bey was, in person, of slender but active form, and possessed of great courage. About two years ago he performed a feat in the neighbourhood of this settlement which gained him great repute. Accounts had been received of a gang of Malays who had murdered some Chinese, whom they had taken on board their boat as passengers. Raja Bey offered, for a small consideration, to apprehend the murderers, and bring them, bound hand and foot, to this settlement. He kept his word, and delivered up the offenders in forty-eight hours.—[*Singapore Chron.*, Feb. 17.]

ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT.

As the sixth anniversary of this settlement happened on Sunday, Feb. 6., the usual entertainment was deferred till the evening of the 7th, when a large party of ladies and gentlemen, upwards of fifty in number, sat down to a handsome dinner, tastefully arranged in every respect. On the removal of the cloth, the following toasts were proposed by the Resident, and drank with great applause: "The King," with four times four; "The British settlement of Singapore," introduced by an appropriate speech, with three times three; "Lord Amherst, the Gov.-gen.," "Sir Edward Paget, Commander-in-chief, and the Bengal army," "Sir Archibald Campbell, and the heroes of Rangoon," Mr. Johnston then rose and proposed, "Mrs. Crawford and the ladies of Singapore," drank with cheering, three times three, and hearty applause.

Mr. Crawford, prefacing the toast with a few words of compliment, gave "Sir S. Raffles, whose name must be inseparable from the prosperity of Singapore," drank with loud cheers and great enthusiasm. Capt. Flint, R.N., then proposed the health of "Mr. Crawford, Resident of Singapore," in a concise and complimentary speech; drank with loud and continued cheers from all sides. Next followed, by the Resident; "Mr. Fullerton, Governor of P. W. Island, and success to his government;" drank with much spirit; "The merchants