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Penang.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

The following gentlemen have been nominated as justices of the peace for Penang, Singapore, and Malacca, viz.—K. Murchison, J. Anderson, T. Church, W. E. Fullerton, P. O. Carnegie, C. W. H. Wright, R. Caunter, E. Presgrave, J. Pattulo, W. T. Lewis, S. G. Bonham, A. L. Johnston, C. R. Read, J. A. Maxwell, and H. Syme, esqrs.

MURDER BY PIRATES.

In noticing, in our register of the 28th Nov., an official report made from the H. C. schooner *Zephyr*, of her falling in with a piratical force of twelve prahus, we mentioned that two natives belonging to a boat recaptured from the pirates, stated that an European boat's crew of six men, said to be from Malacca, were murdered by the pirates a few days before the *Zephyr* discovered the latter. We regret that we have now to confirm the fact of five unhappy men out of six, deserters from the H. C. ship *Ingis* when she was at Singapore, having fallen victims to the fury of those barbarians; the sixth, by name Benjamin Sly, having been most miraculously preserved "to tell the tale;" which will be found in the following substance of his deposition made to the police magistrate. The scene of this horrid tragedy must have been a little to the southward of the Sambelang islands; but the wretched weakly state of the poor survivor does not at present admit of his very distinct recollection of circumstances.

"That deponent was a seaman on board the H. C. ship *Ingis*. That himself and five others named Simon Powers, Hugh Cooper, Edward Jones, Smith and John Driscoll, deserted with the ship's jolly boat in Singapore harbour, about dusk on the evening of the 7th October last. That the sixth day after leaving the ship, and third day after passing Malacca, they descried four large and one small pirate prahus in the straits pulling towards them. On coming alongside, about dusk in the evening, several of the pirates, armed with spears and other weapons, jumped into the boat, speared and wounded the Europeans, then threw them overboard, and killed them whilst in the water, except one who attempted to escape by swimming, but sunk and was drowned. Deponent being but slightly wounded with a spear, and being able to swim, escaped unobserved to the shore, which was a considerable distance off. The name of the place deponent landed at he does not know. After wandering in the jungles for five days, he again arrived at the beach, and seeing a fishing boat pass, hailed it, and was taken on board and carried to a place which de-

ponent understood is called Traang, from whence he was brought here by the head man now present, who treated deponent with great humanity."—*Penang Reg. Jan. 2.*

DEATH.

Dec. 25. In the Convalescent bungalow on the Great Hill, Emily Vandiput, wife of Capt. Hodge, executive engineer at this presidency.

Singapore.

APPOINTMENT.

Dec. 17. Mr. Andrew Farquhar to perform duties of coroner of this island.

China.

THE TARTAR REBELLION.

Recent accounts from Peking, after detailing the third great victory over the Mahommedan rebels, who in the last two conflicts, brought in the field 100,000 men, state that after the last battle, along the whole course of the river *Yangta ma*, all the Mahommedan villages and people were exterminated by the imperial troops.

On *Chang ling*, the commander-in-chief, the emperor has conferred a "purple bridle," the badge of *kung yay*, or dukedom. On the two next in command he has bestowed the title of guardians of the heir-apparent.

On the inferior generals and officers he has conferred the Tartar title of *Pa too loo*, prefaced by the words brave, valiant, enterprising, &c. &c.

To these he has added, archery thumb rings, with "fourfold joy" written on them; gem-handled swords; *flint fire-striking* pouches; a right to walk before the imperial gate, &c. &c.; inserted, with all the proper names of persons and circumstances, to the extent of several pages of the gazette.

To these is appended a promise, on the part of his imperial majesty, that on the day to which he can now point when their victories will be completed, that he will confer still higher rewards and honours on the victors.—*Malacca Observer.*

A letter from China mentions that a report had reached Canton, that the rebels who have so often been annihilated had given the imperial army a total and most disastrous defeat.—*Singapore Chron. Dec. 20.*

MISCELLANEOUS.

The magistrate of *Tung kwan* district to the eastward of Macao, has published an official admonition against women committing suicide, which he says prevails to