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*In consequence of the numerous Notices of Applications to Parliament for Railway Bills, and other Bills, which Notices must be inserted in the Gazette before the expiration of the present Month, a Gazette will be published To-morrow, Saturday the 29th instant.*

*Admiralty, 27th November 1845.*

**D**ISPATCHES have been received at this Office from Rear Admiral Sir Thomas Cochrane, C.B. Commander in Chief of Her Majesty's ships and vessels on the East India Station, of which the following are copies or extracts :

*Agincourt, off Pulo Luboan, Coast of Borneo, 13th August 1845.*

I ARRIVED off the river Bruné (Borneo Proper) on the 6th instant.

If their Lordships will be good enough to refer to a paragraph towards the conclusion of the memorandum addressed to me by Mr. Brooke, under date the 3d July 1845, they will find a statement of two natives of India having been detained as slaves in the capital itself for two years, continuing under captivity in the presence of the British men of war, and from which slavery they made their escape on board the Honourable East India Company's steam vessel *Phlegethon* on her last visit there, only a few weeks since.

Under such a glaring disregard of the understanding entered into with the Sultan in respect of slavery, I felt, in conjunction with Mr. Brooke,

that it would not be right to permit this transaction to pass without, in the first instance, holding the Sultan responsible for it, and Pangerau Bedurudeen having stated that Pangerau Usop was the real offender, everything should be kept quiet until my arrival at the capital; on the following day I went with the steamers to visit this singular capital—or what is called city—being a miserable collection of bamboo houses, elevated upon piles, surrounded by water, except at low tide, when under many of them you perceive the bare mud; the poverty of the buildings being singularly and inexplicably contrasted with the manners, dresses, and deportment of the higher orders.

I visited the Sultan with all due ceremony, and, by previous understanding with the Rajah Muda Hassien and his brother Bedurudeen, the visit was entirely complimentary, but after my departure on the same evening, and following morning, Mr. Brooke had several meetings with those persons. The Sultan stated he was quite ready to punish Pangerau Usop if I would afford my assistance in accomplishing it. It appeared that Usop (I suppose from conscious guilt) concluded he was the object sought, and had, on the day of my visit, told the Sultan that if called on to answer on the score of piracy, he would defend himself to the last.