minals who are condemned to death fight with tigers; but even if he ultimately succeed in killing his ferocious antagonist, he must suffer death.

An officer, who had long been stationed at the court of Java, related that he was once witness to a most extraordinary occurrence of this kind. A Javanese, who had been condemned to be torn in pieces by tigers, and for that purpose had been thrown down from the top into a large cage, in which several of those animals were confined, fortunately fell exactly upon the largest and fiercest of them, across whose back he sat astride, without the creature doing him any harm, but even, on the contrary, appearing intimidated, while the others also, awed by the unusual posture and appearance which he made, did not attempt to destroy him. He could not, however, avoid the punishment of death to which he had been condemned, for the emperor commanded him to be shot dead in the cage.

The tiger is cowardly and easily frightened, as will be seen from the following story:—A British officer, who lived in India, was re-