

THE TRIAL OF PEDRO GIBERT, BERNARDO  
DE SOTO, FRANCISCO RUIZ, NICOLA COS-  
TA, ANTONIO FERRER, MANUEL BOY-  
GA, DOMINGO DE GUZMAN, JUAN  
ANTONIO PORTANA, MANUEL  
CASTILLO, ANGEL GARCIA,  
JOSE VELAZQUEZ, AND  
JUAN MONTENEGRO,  
FOR PIRACY, BOSTON,  
MASSACHUSETTS,  
1834.

THE NARRATIVE.

In August, 1832, the American brig Mexican, which was owned by one of the leading merchants of Salem, Massachusetts, sailed from that place for Rio Janeiro, having on board a valuable cargo and over twenty thousand dollars in specie. About the same time, the ship Panda, with a Spanish captain and crew, set sail from Havana on a slaving expedition. They met in the South Atlantic. The Panda overhauled the Mexican, fired, when within gunshot, and the Mexican hove to. Then some of the crew of the Panda boarded the Mexican, took from her all the money they could find, fastened the officers and sailors of the Mexican below, and set fire to her.

The pirates had neglected to fasten the cabin skylight, so that the crew of the brig raised it, and when they saw that the slaver was at a sufficient distance, they put the fire out and returned home. The slaver proceeded to the coast of Africa, and while there the officers of the British man-of-war Curlew heard of the capture of the Mexican, and as the Panda answered the description of the vessel that captured her, its commander took all of her crew he could lay his hands on, carried them to England, then brought them to Salem, where