

arrived in 33 deg. N. lat. and 34, 30, W. lon. she fell in with a suspicious looking vessel from which she made many efforts, but unsuccessfully, to escape. This vessel, a schooner, having come up with the Mexican, fired a gun, and the captain of the latter, seeing that the schooner was armed with one long and two small guns, and that her decks were crowded with men, felt himself obliged to submit, and accordingly hove to. He was then hailed, and ordered to come on board the strange vessel, which mandate he obeyed in his own boat; but on reaching the schooner, five men jumped into the boat and ordered it to be rowed back to the brig. On arriving on board the brig, they directed the captain to accompany them into the cabin, where, brandishing their knives, threatening and beating him, they compelled him to acknowledge and give up the money which was in his possession. A communication was then made with their companions on board the schooner, who sent a launch and carried away the treasure. The party on board the Mexican then left, after confining the crew below, breaking the compasses, and destroying the rigging and tackle. They also set fire to the camboose, in which they placed a tub of combustibles, and lowered the mainsail in such a way that it would speedily ignite. A short time afterwards, however, the captain contrived to get upon deck, and extinguished the fire before it had caught the mainsail. They then repaired their damages as well as they were able, and returned to Salem, where they arrived on the 2nd of October. Information of what had taken place was immediately disseminated throughout this and other countries, and reached the coast of Africa, where Capt. Trotter, commanding the British brig of war *Curlew*, was then cruising. Circumstances led that gentleman to believe that the schooner *Panda*, then lying in the river Nazareth, was the vessel which had captured the Mexican. He immediately, therefore, proceeded to take measures against her. These measures resulted in the capture of the *Panda*, but the escape, for the time, of her crew. No ship's papers or log-book were found on board of her, although diligently sought for; and, owing