

me there. He came back, and asked me where my watch was, but before I had time to tell him, he had it out of my pocket; then asked me where my money was. It was hidden, but I told him I would bring it; he took the money, and told me to stay in the fore-castle. I heard the boatswain asking the captain for his chronometer. Captain said he had none. Boatswain then caught up the speaking-trumpet, and gave the captain such a blow as broke it almost to pieces. He then ordered me on deck, and kicked me down again into the fore-castle, and told me not to come up. Staid a few moments: he then called me up, took me aft, and pitched me into the cabin. The crew were all fastened below. Saw the pirates launching our yards into the water; heard the topsail yard coming down, and that they were cutting the rigging—they used an axe. Staid till all was quiet; saw the boat go to the schooner for the last time; saw them hoist our yards on board, and then make sail; then got out through the cabin skylight; found everything cut to pieces, and the boom going from side to side. The caboose was on fire, and in the inside found a barrel containing a quantity of tarred rope-yarn, and a pot of tar. If we had not got out when we did, the mainsail would have soon been on fire. Should not think the fire could have been extinguished. Have seen some of the men since. Two of them I am sure were on board our brig, and am confident respecting another one.

(Here the witness went up to and laid his hand upon Fran-

cisco Ruiz and Manuel Boyga. The interpreter translated to the prisoners what the witness had stated, and they both denied that they had ever been on board the Mexican.)

Do not see here the third person I had spoken of. Saw him at Salem, when the prisoners were examined there.

*Cross-examined.* Do not remember how Ruiz was dressed. He had on a jacket; cannot recollect what was the color, or what he had on his head—cannot call to mind the dress of Boyga. The schooner's guns were short guns. Among the men who came on board from the schooner was the boatswain; was about five feet in height, stout and wore large whiskers; had a bunch on his nose.

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*Benjamin Larcom.* Was one of the crew of the Mexican when she was boarded by the pirates. Saw one of them at Salem some time ago.

(The witness here went up, placed his hand upon Ruiz the carpenter, and said, I believe this is the man.)

This man came to the brig in the first party from the schooner.

*Cross-examined.* Was in our boat when she went the first time to the schooner. Stayed where I was to bail the boat—heard a noise on deck—thought they were murdering the crew—drew the boat ahead of the brig, and hid myself there—did not see any of the pirates but the five who came in our boat. The boatswain of the schooner was among them—he might be from five feet four to five feet six inches high—was of a dark complexion—think he had straight hair—do not remem-