

at the brig that Captain Gibert was angry and sent another man into the maintop to keep a lookout with me. Shortly after saw a sail, and sung out to the captain, who asked her where she was—I said astern of the American brig, and so near that I could see her three masts. On the fore-castle of the American brig, saw one of the schooner's men keeping guard, with a handspike in his hand. Captain sung out, "Take them out of the fore-castle, and shut them up in the cabin." The third mate had a sword, the other men knives—they chased the brig's crew into the cabin, and shut them up under a padlock. Heard it said afterwards that a smoke was made to suffocate them. After the hatches were all shut, the schooner's men started from the brig for our own vessel, carried the brig's boat with them, and scuttled her. The boxes taken from the brig were marked with a letter—cannot say whether it was a P or a D. The schooner went to Prince's Island, from which she came shortly afterwards in great haste, and was run on shore at Cape Lopez, near the river Nazareth. Acted as the captain's servant, and when the captain arrived at Nazareth, I set the table for him in a room above stairs. There heard the captain and boatswain talking together. The former said he had been obliged to fly from Prince's Island in consequence of news of the American brig affair having reached that place. He had purchased \$250 worth of provisions, but had come away without them. The captain came from Prince's Islands in February, and remained at Nazareth four months, at the

expiration of which time the English came up the river in boats. As soon as they were seen, the carpenter (Ruiz), went into the cabin of the Panda, took up the after scuttle, and put a match to a keg or bag of gunpowder. The crew then went on shore, and the carpenter followed soon after in a canoe, taking with him the ship's papers. They all went to the barracks (huts where they kept the slaves). The English took the schooner off with them to sea, but returned in fifteen days, when the English commander came on shore and demanded of the African king that he should give up at least the captain and carpenter of the Panda, if none others of the crew. The king, however, refused, and the English then began to fire upon the town from the pivot gun of the Panda. This gun was a twelve or sixteen pounder (brass), and she had besides two small carronades. During the firing, the schooner took fire. The English went away in three days. After this, the money taken from the Mexican was hid in a barrel on the beach, on the right hand side—did not know, at the time, whether all the money was hidden, because an order came from the captain to go into the bush, for the English were coming in their boats—they afterwards took the money up and buried it again at Cape Lopez—they went for it again in a few days, by order of the captain—five of them went, all now present. I was one of the number. I and Castillo dug up the money and the others began to count it. I told them they had no time to count the money, to which they replied that they had the exp-