

her in the canoe, he (the captain) asked why she had not been blown up; the carpenter said he did not know why an explosion had not taken place. The captain and mate asked him why he had not bursted a barrel of powder over the deck, loaded a gun, tied a fish-line to the lock and pulled it when he came off in the canoe. The cabin scuttle leads down into the magazine.

Sixty negroes had been bought with the cargo of the Panda, and the remainder had been sent off to buy more. Captain said he intended to take 450. The natives were against the English. Captain of the Panda asked the African king to let a guard of negroes stand upon the beach, armed with muskets to prevent the English from landing. When I reached Fernando Po asked if I belonged to the Panda, and said, no; but when they put me under oath I confessed. All the rest denied until the boatswain being confronted with a Portuguese, confessed. They were then examined before Governor Nichols, the captain of the English boat that brought them to Fernando Po, and some clerks. When I told them about the \$20,000 taken from the Mexican, one of the clerks, who had an American paper in his hand, said, "very true, very true." Before I left Nazareth, a Portuguese pilot boat left that place to coax Capt. Gi-

bert to Prince's Island that he might be caught. They told me if I did not tell all about the matter I would be hung; my heart failed me and I confessed; Delgado also confessed a short time afterwards. The governor told Delgado he need not be afraid, for he would write to England and get his pardon. Captain Trotter was present at these examinations. The rest of the crew were in the hospital; I was in the hospital when the boatswain of the Panda died. Presents or money were never offered to Delgado to make him confess. His own fear made him tell all; he was told if he spoke truly he might get off with a short imprisonment.

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Perez. I did not come here bribed by any one. Domingo Guzman had confessed on board the English vessel, that they had robbed two vessels, one besides the Mexican; in the former, however, they got no money; do not know of any inducements being held out to Delgado, to make him confess. He confessed without the English saying a word to him. When Delgado saw the corpee of the boatswain, he did not say: God forgive me for the false witness I have borne against you; do not remember whether I said at Fernando Po that I could not read or write; said so at Salem.

Mr. Child here gave Perez the indictment to read, and he read a part of it with greater facility than he did the previous day. *Mr. Child* then wished him to write. The COURT said that the counsel for the prisoners had no right to put the witness to this test. The *District Attorney* asked that the experiment be permitted to be made, under the proviso that the witness should not be called upon to write his own name, as many men could write that, who could write nothing else. Perez then came down from the stand and took up the pen,