

never. They were not permitted to speak to any one except in the presence of a sentinel. On board the *Panda* was a sailor who could speak English, his name was Perico; he was a fat white man; do not know his country; he died on board the schooner. Perico was a Spaniard, but had sailed on board an American brig. The powder of the *Panda* was stowed

in her hold at Havana; I had not been concerned in the war between Spain and her colonies. Have been on board both Danish and French merchantmen. Do not know who was the commander of the Spanish forces during the Columbian war. Never knew General Morillo. Never served on board any man-of-war.

*Peres* on seeing some papers between Messrs. *Hilliard* and *Child*, the counsel for the prisoners, expressed a fear that something was going wrong; but on being informed by the interpreter that the two gentlemen were connected in the case, he became satisfied. He was directed to be removed for a few minutes, and on his return the cross-examination proceeded, but he soon lost all patience, and with much gesticulation and energy, protested that he would not answer any more questions, being certain that they were dictated by the prisoners. He was at last, however, induced to continue his statements.

Was on board a Spanish schooner as cabin boy during the war between Spain and Columbia. During the time of *Morillo* was taken prisoner in a brig called the *Eagle* and carried into Havana. Brig was taken because she had slaves on board. *Nicholas Costa* was cabin boy on board the *Eagle*, and afterwards on board the *Panda*. Black boy (*Antonio Ferrer*) belonged to *Maracaibo*; never told him to say he was a slave. Don't know whether he is a slave or not. Knew him to be an African, by the marks on his face. Have heard others say that he was a slave. His name is put in the roll as born in the Havana. Was not aware when I shipped that the *Panda* was going on a piratical cruise. All vessels leaving Havana for the coast of Africa are examined by the General of Marines. *Panda* and crew were not examined; don't know reason why she was not. *Delgado* came from Spain in

company with me. If I had known the Captain of the *Panda*, would sooner have stayed on shore and eaten dirt than have gone with him. Did not know *Panda* had any guns on board when I shipped. When she was in river *Nazareth*, carpenter carried all her papers on shore and gave them to the captain. Never knew what became of them afterwards. When *Panda* left Havana she bore a Spanish flag. Her papers were all good. Can't tell whether *Panda* was or was not boarded by officers when off Havana. An English ship was robbed by the crew of the *Panda* previously to the robbery of the Mexican. Most implicit obedience was paid to Capt. *Gibert* by the crew of the *Panda*. Don't think the crew feared him, but obeyed all his orders. The English corvette was robbed about eight days after we left Havana; chased her some time before we came up with her. On coming