

while in Cape Lopez, we had more prisoners than men of our own; there was then some appearance of a rising among the prisoners; never at any other time.

While at Cape Lopez, Captain Trotter and some of our men were taken prisoners by the African king—were taken on Sunday and kept till Wednesday—it required considerable negotiation to get them free—Captain Trotter was never anxious on account of the capture of the Panda or the Esperanza—I was in Fernando Po when Perez was examined—Captain Trotter, in company with the surgeon and interpreter, examined all the prisoners—no offers or promises were made to any one, to induce them to testify against the crew of the Panda—Captain Trotter said nothing about his liability to respond for the loss of the Panda; Panda's cargo consisted of 60 or 70

bags of rice and farina together, 16 or 17 qr. casks of powder, 2 casks of American bread, a few barrels of pork and beef, and a small quantity of other provisions; a few muskets, one pair of pistols, and some cutlasses were also found on board; think Captain Trotter transmitted all the money taken from the Panda or her crew to the Treasurer of the Navy—no division was made of it—had there been, should have received a share The cook (Ferrer) had no inducement offered him to make him testify—don't know Jose Perez's state as regards intoxication, while he was examined—know nothing of the boatswain's death—four prisoners were taken by Captain Trotter in River Nazareth; one died, don't recollect his name, and one deserted—one was discharged; prisoners were never urged by Captain Trotter to give their depositions, that I know of.

#### November 15.

*George H. Quentin.* Found a U. S. ensign and pennant on board the Panda, when she was captured; also two Spanish and one French ensign. There was no firing at the Panda—a musket or two was discharged at the men who left her in a canoe, and that was all—the fire was not returned—have no knowledge of any feeling of hostility existing on the part of the crew of the Panda towards the English—the guns of the Panda were never fired at the negro canoes—remember some of our men being flogged, but it was for insolence and drunkenness—am sure that

the pivot gun was not fired at the negro canoes—the men broached a cask of rum, of which there were eight or nine casks on board—the inventory and duplicate taken on board the Panda were both destroyed—the officers killed on board the Panda, by the explosion, were named Percy and Johnson—the gunner, a marine and a mulatto boy, were also killed—there were perhaps twenty-five persons on board the Panda, when she blew up—was between the brig Curlew and the schooner when the explosion took place.

*Mr. Child* asking a question of the witness.

The Court remarked the gentleman had answered that question before.