

the *Panda*; did not go after them themselves but sent the negroes who were standing armed on the beach; there was a great number of negroes; don't know how many; they extended all along the beach.

Captain Trotter went to the king two or three times to demand the prisoners. At last went with the crew to take the prisoners by force. Don't know that Captain Gibert and men interceded with the king not to hurt the English. When the *Panda* was blown up, part of the English were saved in their own small boats, and some of them by the crew of a small vessel belonging to Prince's Island. When the *Panda* was taken, she was not hailed by the English, but they came directly on board of her. Don't know that Captain Trotter was desirous of restoring the *Panda* to Captain Gibert, or the *Esperanza* to her owners; he had no intention of restoring either. Captain Trotter took the *Esperanza* to England; she was taken because they had suspicions of her being accessory with the pirates, and because she had transported some of them from one place to another. Don't know whether she proved a good prize or not. The *Esperanza* was taken up to London by her boatswain after she arrived in England; don't know what was done with her. I went to England in the *Curlew*. The *Panda*'s men on the passage to England, were some of them in irons and some not; all were aft together. Captain Gibert was in irons part of the time—Captain Gibert during the passage to England wrote occasionally for Captain Trotter. I did some

trifling work for the English officers; was paid for it. The prisoners were allowed to walk the deck during the day; at night were all put in irons, and sentries placed over them. Don't know that the prisoners were allowed to go on shore; cannot tell how long *Curlew* cruised after prisoners were taken—she made several cruises; did not go into port often. Captain Trotter was sick when he took the Spanish Captain and went to Fernando Po for the recovery of his health; was sick several times on the passage home; from the time he commenced to look for the prisoners, was always ill by spells. The *Curlew* stopped at Ascension, and all the crew went ashore except those who stayed to keep watch. Prisoners were all put on shore; they were not in irons; they were allowed to range over the island during the day; at night they were put in barracks and sentinels placed over them; marines with muskets guarded the tents. All the liquor I saw distributed on board the *Curlew* was given at dinner—and then it was not raw, but mixed with water. Perez was not on board the brig, but in the schooner.

When Perez came on board the brig he was put in irons; was afterwards liberated and employed in carrying food to prisoners; never heard of his having received any presents, or having been threatened with punishment to induce him to confess. He did not receive part of the money taken from Captain Gibert; only one dollar was given him for bread money. Captain Trotter offered the same to any man who would not demand his