

prosecution. Yes! the English officer by whom they were captured was once indebted for his life to the leader of these men. Mr. Quentin on the stand had stated he had no doubt that when Capt. Trotter was in the hands of the negro king he was saved by the interposition of Capt. Gibert. The jury could find nothing in the whole course of the trial that went to show that these men were the dangerous and bloodthirsty miscreants set forth in the charges brought against them. They (the jury) had been told there was much blood shed, and many slaughtered on both sides, at their capture. Was not this a total misrepresentation?

Perez stated that he could not read or write, when it was proved on the stand that he could do the former. Here was a manifest falsehood. When asked to write, also, what was his conduct? Notwithstanding he said he could not write he handled his pen in the most clerky manner, and with as much grace as the most experienced writers in this city. This document, which I hold in my hand, though not a finished piece of chirography, yet evinces some of the first elements of letters, so well drawn, and so smoothly cut, that I think had we pressed the matter we might have obtained from him a very beautiful and satisfactory specimen of writing. I will now call your attention to some inconsistencies in his testimony relating to himself. He states that he could not recollect what was done at Nazareth, because he was so frightened at the idea of being made a prisoner; while in another part of his evidence he tells you he was once carried a prisoner into Havana, and gives as a reason, "because they had slaves on board the vessel." Gentlemen, I do not state this as having any bearing on the case, but only to show you how such testimony ought to bear.

This witness has also stated that upon one occasion when Capt. Gibert saw an English frigate, he (Capt. G.) ordered all the knives to be taken away from the crew and concealed, yet says, in the course of his testimony that it is the custom for all Spanish sailors to carry long knives. How can you reconcile all these opposing statements. It appears evident