

the other witness, Quentin, affirmed positively that the guns were iron. Perez also said there was but one man and the third mate on board the Panda who spoke English, and that the former of the two did not go on board the Mexican; while the crew of the last named vessel declared that several of the pirates spoke English fluently.

The conduct also of Capt. Trotter did not show that he considered the prisoners pirates. He never kept them in chains long enough to keep up the farce, if it was a farce, and even employed Capt. Gibert as his amenuensis, regaling him with wine, and treating him in every way as a companion.

And why was there no announcement made in England of the arrival of these prisoners, or of the tragical death of the officers blown up in the schooner at Nazareth? Why, too, were they not tried in England for driving so hard a bargain with the English corvette, in the purchase of her spars?

It has just occurred to me, gentlemen, and I think the statement made by Domingo is worthy of your serious consideration, that Capt. Trotter ever after the capture of the Panda was subject to sudden fits of illness, etc., from which he had not recovered when the Curlew arrived in England. This, gentlemen, whatever effect it may have on your minds, has given me many serious reflections.

In reference to the consul at Plymouth, it is my opinion that if that consul had been a Spaniard and indifferent to Capt. Trotter, instead of being an Englishman and his friend, he would have demanded a trial of the prisoners in England, for the alleged robbery of the English corvette.

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*Mr. Child.* The capture of the Panda doubtless had not been effected without great loss and bloodshed on both sides, and no announcement had been made of this, on the arrival of the Curlew in England. I put it to the jury whether these were the common actions of men.

*Mr. Child* here wished to read some extracts from "Cob-