

Mexican and that given by Perez. The mate of the Mexican says that the pirates took from them some spars, butter and fowls, and Perez makes the same statements from his observation while in the maintop of the schooner. He also says that he saw smoke proceeding from the galley of the Mexican, and Capt. Butman tells you that his vessel was attempted to be set on fire. You have also the coincidence from the witnesses in both vessels, that all this took place on the 20th September. Perez mentions the 20th, as the day on which the Panda captured the American brig, and the log-book of the Mexican tells you that she was robbed on that day. Well, the Panda proceeds on her voyage to the coast of Africa, and in a few days after the period of the robbery, changes her rig, with the spars and duck taken from the Mexican; she also changes her paint. On her arrival at her destination she stays a short time in the river Nazareth, and then proceeds to Prince's Island, first removing her figure head and substituting an awkward piece of wood; and the next thing we hear of her is, that she has fled from Prince's Island, because the news of the robbery of the Mexican had reached that place. Her officers then propose running her on shore and destroying her. Now, why, if they had done nothing wrong, destroy their vessel? What was the burying of the money for either?—why put that into the care of the negroes? If they had brought it from the Havana with them, they would have kept it in its proper place, under the guns of their vessel. And if they were not pirates, what had they to fear from a cruiser of his Britannic Majesty's navy?

The English boats came up with the Union Jack hoisted; that flag which was the protection of honest men, but the terror of pirates—the flag of the queen of the ocean! But these men preferred to destroy their vessel and place themselves under the protection of the negroes, rather than submit to the search of a lawfully commissioned cruiser of the greatest naval power in the world. They had nothing to fear even on the score of their being slavers, because no vessel can be captured unless she have slaves on board, which the Panda had