

weigh that evening, in the yawl, and pulled all night; after daylight we got close to four schooners, and observed three of them lashed alongside of each other, and the crews of these vessels, on board the large one in the centre. Mr. Jones ordered them to separate several times, and, at length, he said he would fire into them; they were very abusive to us; after a considerable time they separated, and we boarded them. Mr. Jones then sent me below to see if there were any fire arms on board the Reindeer; I found a musket with a double charge, and primed, and two powder horns full of powder, and about twelve or fourteen pistol balls. Mr. Jones detained two of them, with the consent of the masters of the other two vessels and the crew of the two detained, they were allowed to go on board and take what provisions they pleased; the masters of the vessels came on board and took green fish, pork, tea, and butter, molasses, flour, and bread. I was sent, with Mr. Touzeau, on board one of them, and got under weigh in company with the one Mr. Jones was on board of; and, in the afternoon of the same day, while beating up to St. Andrew's, abreast of Campo Bello, I observed three schooners and two boats; one of the schooners went towards Mr. Jones, and fired several muskets; went below to get my dinner, when Mr. Touzeau called us up to our arms, and asked me if my musket was loaded; I told him it was, and primed; he told me he thought they were American armed vessels coming to take us. I then asked Mr. Touzeau if I should fire; he said not till he gave me the orders. They came nearly along side us, and ordered us to heave too; they presented their muskets, with fixed bayonets, at us, and said, damn your eyes, if you don't heave too, we will fire into you. They sung out to the man at the helm, if he did not put the helm down, and lower the peak, they would shoot him dead on the spot. They then came alongside and boarded us, I think about forty men in number, all with muskets and fixed bayonets, except one, for our deck was full of armed men. They told me to deliver up my arms, or they would run me through; damn your eyes said one; and another said, I will blow your brains out. I replied, I am a king's man, and will not deliver up my arms, their leader drew his sword, and had a brace of pistols; desired the Americans not to hurt any of us; at that time a man made a thrust at me with fixed bayonet, which their leader parried off; the same man again made a blow at me with the butt end of his musket, which their leader again parried off; then their leader told me that I had better give up my arms, and he would be answerable for them, which I did—about this time they fired volleys of musketry. We then went on board of our boat, and observed them continue to fire as they were returning to Eastport.

Q. What kind of weather was it when Mr. Jones detained the Reindeer and Ruby?

A. Fine weather, with a light breeze, but came foggy after.

Q. Do you know what quantity of wood and water was in the schooner you were on board of?

A. Two casks and a half of water, and about a cord of wood.