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Admiralty-Office, December 29, 1824.

VICE-ADMIRAL Sir Lawrence Halsted, Commander in Chief of His Majesty's ships in the West Indies, has transmitted to John Wilson Croker, Esq. a letter from Captain Graham, of His Majesty's sloop *Icarus*, stating that the boats of that vessel, dispatched by Captain Graham from the Havannah, under the orders of Lieutenant Charles Croker, captured, on the 20th of August last, in a creek within Cayo Blanco, fifteen or twenty leagues to the westward of the Havannah, a large piratical schooner, called the *Diablito*, armed with six guns, and manned with about fifty men, who, after firing a few guns without effect, abandoned the vessel on the approach of the boats. Some of them made their escape to the shore in four large row-boats, which were afterwards taken by Lieutenant Croker; and others having jumped overboard, and got amongst some mangrove bushes, five of them were killed by a fire of musketry from one of the boats of the *Icarus*, and several appeared to be wounded; but from the nature of the marsh they could not be secured.

On boarding the schooner, Lieutenant Croker had the satisfaction to release the Master and crew (nine persons) of an American brig, the *Henry*, of Hartford, which had been taken seven days before by the pirate. They had been treated in the most inhuman manner, and were to have been put to death on the following morning, their lives having been spared so long only for the purpose of their assisting in removing the cargo of the *Henry*. The American brig was found by Lieutenant Croker, a mile above the pirate schooner, in the creek, but in a state which rendered it impracticable to remove her to the Havannah, and she was therefore burnt, with what remained in her. A sloop, having on board part of her cargo, was also discovered by the Lieutenant, and brought away; the pirates who were in her having, however, made their escape.

This service was performed without any loss on the part of the detachment from His Majesty's sloop; and the Vice-Admiral praises the judicious and spirited manner in which it was conducted by Lieutenant Croker, as well as the zeal and gallantry shown by the Lieutenant, and the Officers and men under his orders.

By the KING.

A PROCLAMATION.

GEORGE, R.

WHEREAS Our Parliament stands prorogued to Thursday the sixth day of January next; We, with the advice of Our Privy-Council, do hereby publish and declare, that the said Parliament shall be further prorogued, on the said sixth day of January next, to Thursday the third day of February next; and We have given order to Our Chancellor of that part of Our United Kingdom called Great Britain, to prepare a commission for proroguing the same accordingly; and We do further hereby, with the advice aforesaid, declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure, that the said Parliament shall, on the said third day of February next, be held and sit for the dispatch of divers urgent and important affairs: And the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and the Knights, Citizens, and Burgesses, and the Commissioners for Shires and Burghs of the House of Commons, are hereby required and commanded to give their attendance accordingly, at Westminster, on the said third day of February next.

Given at Our Court at Windsor, the eighteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and in the fifth year of Our reign.

GOD save the KING.