

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, } SS.
District of Alaska.

This is to certify that on the 7th day of September, 1886, before 12 o'clock noon of that day, I served the annexed notice on the within named Daniel Monroe, at Sitka, District of Alaska, by then and there personally delivering to said Daniel Monroe a copy of said notice. And then and there gave him the privilege of being present at the taking of said depositions.

BARTON ATKINS, *United States Marshal.*

Dated 9th September, 1886.

On the 10th day of September, 1886, were filed the following depositions:—

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA, UNITED STATES AMERICA.

UNITED STATES

vs.

THE SCHOONER "ONWARD."—No. 49.

Depositions of witnesses sworn and examined before me on the 7th day of September, A.D. 1886, at 7 o'clock p.m., of said day, and on 8th and 9th September, 1886, thereafter, at the clerk's office of said court, in Sitka, District of Alaska, United States of America, by virtue and in pursuance of the order of said court, made and entered in the above entitled action on 6th September, A.D. 1886, directing that the testimony and depositions of said witnesses be taken before me at said first mentioned time and place and at such subsequent times as the taking of the same might be continued to by me, in said action then and there pending in said District Court between the United States as plaintiff and the schooner "Onward" as defendant, on behalf of and at the instance of the said plaintiff, the United States, and upon notice of the time and place of taking said depositions, served upon Daniel Monroe, the captain of said schooner, and in possession thereof at time of seizure, and upon W. Clark, Esq., his attorney, the owners thereof being unknown and without the jurisdiction of this court.

Captain C. A. ABBEY, being duly sworn, deposes and says:—

I am a captain in the United States revenue marine service, at present in command of the United States revenue steamer "Corwin," on special duty in Alaskan waters, for the protection of the seal islands and of the Government interests generally.

Q. What were you doing and what occurred on 2nd of August last in the line of your duty? A. Cruising in Behring Sea, about 115 miles south south-east from St. George Island and in about latitude _____ and longitude _____; between four and five o'clock in the morning, when 1st Lieut. J. W. Howison reported to me that there was a schooner alongside of us, which in answer to his hail replied that she was taking fur seals here in Behring Sea. I then directed him to seize her and place her in charge of C. T. Winslow, boatswain of the "Corwin," I having no commissioned officer to spare at that time. I then got a hawser to her and proceeded to Oonalaska harbor where I placed the vessel, cargo, tackle, furniture and appurtenances in charge of Deputy United States marshal Isaac Anderson, of Oonalaska; the cargo of fur seal skins being stored in "Kench," in one of the warehouses of the Alaska Commercial Company and under seal.

The arms and ammunition I took aboard the "Corwin" and brought to Sitka, and delivered them to the United States marshal there; the said vessel, tackle, furniture and cargo are now in the custody of the United States marshal of this district.

Q. Was this the vessel against which the libel of information is filed? A. It is.

Q. Did this all occur within the waters of Alaska and the Territory of Alaska and within the jurisdiction of this court? A. It did.