

which had been a long distance from the vessel, took her in tow and proceeded to Unalaska arriving at 9.30 this a.m.

I have delivered the seal skins from these vessels to the United States deputy marshal at this place and will send the vessels in charge of men from this vessel duly qualified as United States deputy marshals to Sitka to be delivered to the United States marshal for the District of Alaska.

By request of Captain J. D. Warren, of the "Dolphin," managing owner of the schooner "Anna Beck" (seized 2nd July, as previously reported), I will send her to Sitka in like manner.

Also, on 16th July, in the Behring Sea, lat. 55° 46' N., long. 170° 38' W., Delnoi Point, St. George Island, showing N. 30 E., 63 miles distant, I boarded and examined the schooner "Lily L.," 63-42 tons register, of San Francisco, California, J. W. Todd, master, and C. D. Ladd, of San Francisco, managing owner, and found her to be on a sealing voyage; at the time had three boats out, one of which on returning to the vessel contained two seal recently killed. Captain Todd and Mr. Ladd representing the owner, admitted they came into these waters for the purpose and had taken seal in the Behring Sea and claimed a right to do so anywhere outside the 9-mile limit from the shore.

I seized the vessel for violation of section 1,956, Revised Statutes. There being only two commissioned officers on board this vessel I placed boatswain Winslow on board the schooner to represent the United States and instructed her captain to take her into Unalaska, which he agreed to do, there being too much sea running at the time to undertake to tow her to that place. On her arrival I will make further report to the department.

I am, &c.,

L. G. SHEPARD, *Captain.*

No. 338.

Lord Lansdowne to Sir H. T. Holland.

QUEBEC, 27th August, 1887.

SIR,—With reference to my despatch, No. 325, of the 19th instant in regard to the seizure of the sealers "Grace," "Dolphin," and "W. P. Sayward," by No. 9. the U. S. revenue cutter "Richard Rush," I have the honor to forward herewith copy of an approved Minute of the Privy Council of Canada, dated 23rd inst., to which are appended copies of the following documents:—

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| Enclosure No. 1
of No. 9. | 1. A letter from W. Hamley, Collector of Customs at Victoria, B.C., to the Minister of Marine and Fisheries. |
| Enclosure No. 2
of No. 9. | 2. The affidavit of Andrew Laing, mate of the seized schooner "Sayward," sworn to at Victoria on the 8th August, 1887. |
| Enclosure No. 3
of No. 9. | 3. The information filed in the District Court of the United States for the District of Alaska against the master and mate of the "Sayward." |

It is requested that these papers, copies of which were enclosed in my despatch above mentioned may be transmitted to the Foreign Office in order that a remonstrance may be addressed to the U. S. Government against the unwarrantable action of the commander of the "Rush," and a claim made for all damages arising from the seizure of the "Sayward" and the detention of her officers and crew.

I have, &c.,

LANSDOWNE.

Sir H. HOLLAND.

[Enclosure No. 1.]

CERTIFIED COPY of a Report of a Committee of the Honorable the Privy Council, approved by His Excellency the Governor General in Council on the 23rd August, 1887.

On a report, dated 17th August, 1887, from the Minister of Marine and Fisheries, submitting with reference to the seizure by the United States steamer