

"Thornton" that was sent down on the "San Diego" and included in the inventory of the "San Diego. The "Thornton" had four boats.

JOHN C. CANTWELL, *3d Lieut. U. S. R. M.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day }
of September, A.D. 1886, after having been }
read over by me to deponent.

[Seal.]

ANDREW T. LEWIS, *Clerk U. S. Dist. Court.*

JOHN U. RHODES, being duly sworn, deposes and says :—

Q. State your name, age and occupation? A. John U. Rhodes, over 21 years of age and lieutenant in the United States revenue marine and attached to the Revenue steamer "Corwin," and was so on the 1st day of August, 1886.

Q. State what happened on the last named day in connection with the schooner "Thornton"? A. I was on the "Corwin" at the time the "Thornton" was seized on that day. We first picked up a boat bearing the name "Thornton," it had about 8 dead fur seal in it, the men in the boat had breech-loading rifles, we afterwards picked up another boat and then sighted the schooner "Thornton" and went on board and was put in charge of her. We afterwards picked up two more boats, the men in the boats claimed that the boats belonged to the "Thornton" and were put on board of her. There were between 15 and 20 dead fur seal on deck and one hair seal. These seal were most of them bleeding and evidently recently killed. The captain and several of the hunters said they had killed 21, I think it was, fur seals that day, and would have got more if they had had more daylight and if the cutter had not come up.

Q. Do you recognize these papers? A. I do. This paper marked (Ex. "G") is the clearance paper of the schooner "Thornton" (this paper represents the British steam schooner "Thornton," Hans Guttormsen, master, 22-30 tons, navigated with 15 men, bound for the Pacific Ocean, Behring Sea and Okhotsk Sea, on a hunting and fishing voyage, as having cleared from Victoria, British Columbia, 15th May, 1886). This paper marked (Ex. "H") is her bill of health (issued same date and place with clearance). I found these papers in the schooner "Thornton" at the time of seizure and then took possession of them.

Q. What was the list of arms and ammunition found aboard the schooner "Thornton" at the time of seizure? A. 4 rifles, 6 shot guns, 867 shot gun cartridges, 420 rifle gun cartridges, 108 lbs. powder, 1 keg powder, partly filled, 2 bags bullets, 11 bags buck-shot, 5 boxes wads, 3½ boxes primers.

Q. What has become of these arms and ammunition? A. They were delivered to the United States marshal at Sitka and are now in his custody.

JOHN U. RHODES, *Lieut. U. S. R. M.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day }
of September, A.D. 1886, after having been }
read over by me to the deponent.

[Seal.]

ANDREW T. LEWIS, *Clerk U. S. Dist. Court.*

JOHN U. RHODES, being duly sworn, deposes and says :—

Q. State your name, age and occupation? A. John U. Rhodes, lieutenant United States revenue marine, at present on duty on the United States revenue steamer "Corwin," and over the age of 21 years.

Q. State what nautical instruments, if any, were seized on the schooner "Thornton," except such as are included in her general inventory? A. One chronometer, No. 1374, made by Kessels and one octant.