

Which demurrer was overruled by the court, and on the same day was filed the following answer:—

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA.

*United States vs. J. D. Warren and Schooner "Thornton."*—Answer of Claimant.

The answer of J. D. Warren, owner and claimant of the said schooner "Thornton," her tackle, apparel, cargo, and furniture, as the same are set forth in the information filed herein in behalf of the United States.

And now comes J. D. Warren, claimant as aforesaid and for answer to the said information against the said schooner "Thornton," her tackle, apparel, furniture and cargo, as set forth in said information says that the said schooner "Thornton," her tackle, apparel, furniture, and cargo as set forth in the information mentioned, did not nor did any part thereof become forfeited in manner and form as in said information in that behalf alleged, or at all.

Wherefore, the said claimant prays that said information be dismissed with costs of this claimant attached.

W. CLARK AND D. A. DINGLEY, *Proctors for Claimant.*

On the 22nd September, 1886, were filed the following exceptions to answer:—

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF ALASKA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

*United States of America v. the Schooner "Thornton."*—No. 50.

The said libellant hereby excepts to the sufficiency of the defendant's answer herein, on the following grounds:—

1. Said answer is not properly or at all verified as required by rule 27 of the United States Admiralty rules;
2. Said answer is not full, explicit or distinct to each or any allegation of the libel herein, as required by said rule;
3. Said answer does not deny or admit any of the allegations of fact in said libel but merely denies a conclusion of law.

M. D. BALL AND W. H. PAYSON, *Proctors for Libellant.*

21st September, 1886.

Which exceptions were sustained by the court, and on the same day was filed the following amended answer:—

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA.

*United States vs. J. D. Warren and Schooner "Thornton."*—Amended Answer.

To the Honorable LAFAYETTE DAWSON,

Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Alaska.

Hans Guttormsen, master of the schooner "Thornton," intervening for the interest of and in behalf of J. D. Warren, owner and claimant of said schooner "Thornton," her tackle, apparel, furniture and cargo for amended answer to the libel of information herein, against said schooner, her tackle, apparel, furniture and cargo, alleges as follows:—

1. That he denies each and every material allegation in said libel of information contained;
2. Denies that the said schooner "Thornton," her tackle, apparel, furniture, cargo, and the property appertaining thereto, as set forth and described in said libel of information or any part thereof became forfeited to the United States;
3. Denies that said schooner, her captain, officers, and crew, or any one of them were found engaged in killing fur-seal within the limits of Alaska Territory, and within the waters thereof, in violation of section 1,956 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as set forth in said libel of information or at all;
4. Denies that they killed any number of fur-seal, or other fur-bearing animals, within the waters of Alaska, or the Territory of Alaska, or in any part thereof;