

bearing S. E. true 59 miles distant, I boarded and examined the British schooner "W. P. Sayward," 59-79 tons register, of Victoria, B. C., Geo. B. Ferry, master, and W. D. Warren, of Victoria, B. C., managing owner, and found her to be on a sealing voyage; had been four days in the Behring Sea.

The captain reported 485 seal skins on board, 64 of which were taken in the Behring Sea; found the vessel under short sail and one canoe and two Indians out hunting seal.

Her crew consisted of six white men all told, and 17 Indians from British Columbia, and two Indians belonging to the crew of the British schooner "Anna Beck," who had lost that vessel in a fog. I took charge of the vessel's papers and seized her for violation of sec. 1,956 R. S., took her in tow and proceeded to Ounalaska, arriving at midnight.

I have delivered the 485 seal skins found on board to the U. S. deputy marshal at this place, and will send the vessel and her crew to Sitka, Alaska, in charge of one of the crew of this vessel, duly qualified as a U. S. deputy marshal, with instructions to deliver the vessel with her outfit, the captain and mate, to the U. S. marshal at Sitka, on arrival at that port, and to set the crew at liberty.

I am, &c.,

L. G. SHEPARD, *Captain U. S. R. M.*

[Enclosure No. 4.]

Captain Shepard, U. S. R. M., to Mr. Fairchild.

UNITED STATES REVENUE MARINE STEAMER "RUSH,"
OONALASKA, ALASKA, 18th July, 1887.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform the department that on 12th July, in the Behring Sea, lat. 51° 38' N., long. 157° 03' W., Cape Cheerful, Ounalaska Island, bearing S. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ S., 40 miles distant, I boarded and examined the British steam schooner "Dolphin," 60-10 tons register, of Victoria, B. C., J. D. Warren, master and managing owner, and found her to be on a sealing voyage. The vessel had been three days in the Behring Sea and had 618 seal skins on board. Ten canoes and one boat were out hunting seal at the time.

From the canoes 12 or more dead seal were taken on board the schooner while we were near her, and three skins from seal recently killed were found in the boat. Seized the vessel for violation of section 1,956 R. S., and transferred her arms and ammunition on board the "Rush," namely, 4 breech-loading rifles, 26 breech-loading shot-guns, 10 muzzle-loading shot-guns, 1 bomb gun, 4 revolvers, 3,404 rounds ammunition for breech-loading rifles, 250 rounds ammunition for shot-guns, 4 kegs powder, 50 lbs. shot, and other small ammunition. Seized the 4 breech-loading rifles and ammunition for same for violation of sec. 1,955 R. S., and sec. 4, Executive Order, paragraph 53, dated 4th May, 1887. I placed Lieutenant Dunwoody in charge, with instructions to take her into Ounalaska, where she arrived the following day. The crew consisted of 7 white men and 26 Indians from British Columbia.

On July 17th, in the Behring Sea, lat. 55° 03' N., long. 168° 40' W., Cape Cheerful, Ounalaska Island, bearing S. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E., 96 miles distant, I boarded and examined the British steam schooner "Grace," 76.87 tons register, of Victoria, B. C., Wm. Petit, master, and J. D. Warren, of Victoria, B. C., managing owner, and found her to be on a sealing voyage; had been ten days in the Behring Sea, and had 769 seal skins on board. When boarded she had 12 canoes and one boat out hunting seal. Saw one seal shot and taken into the boat while we were near her. Counted 12 seal taken on board the schooner from one canoe, and all the canoes contained more or less seal recently killed. The captain reported taking 90 seal during the day, and 150 the day previous. Seized the vessel for violation of section 1,956 R. S., and 2 breech-loading rifles and ammunition for same for violation of section 1,955 R. S., and section 4, Executive Order, paragraph 53, dated 4th May, 1887.

The crew consisted of 6 white men, 24 Indians and 1 Chinaman. Placed Lieut. Benham in charge, and after waiting seven hours for her canoes to return, some of