

Affidavits on the canal de Haro.

expedition upon the Coast, in 1841, and knows that it has been for the last thirteen years universally used by both British and Americans and is the preferable Channel to any other.

J. A. Gardiner,

First Officer S. S. California.

State of Oregon }
County of Clatsop } ss.

On this 16th day of April A. D. 1872 personally appeared before me the above-named J. A. Gardiner, and to me personally known, who subscribed his name in my presence and swore according to law, to the truth of the above statement.



A. Van Dusen.

Notary Public.

STATEMENTS OF WILLIAM H. OLIVER MADE BEFORE THE CONSUL OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, RESIDING AT VICTORIA, VANCOUVER ISLAND, MARCH THIRTEENTH A. D. 1872, TOUCHING UPON THE NAVIGATION OF THE CANAL DE HARO AND ROSARIO STRAITS.

On this thirteenth day of March, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and seventy two, personally appeared before me, David Eckstein, Consul of the United States of America for the Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, residing at the Port of Victoria, Vancouver Island, William H. Oliver, who, being first duly sworn, states as follows:

My age is forty eight years; my residence is Victoria, Vancouver Island.

I have resided here most of the time since eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

I am a retired merchant.

I am acquainted with the route of travel by water, by steamers and sail vessels, British and American, in making trips from Victoria to the Gulf of Georgia and Fraser River, since the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

So for as my knowledge extends, the Canal de Haro has been and now is universally used by all classes of vessels.

In eighteen hundred and fifty-eight in December, or in January, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, I went, as a passenger, on the