

to intervene through diplomatic channels and on international grounds on behalf of such masters or owners.

It is presumed that the records of the proceedings in the cases of the seizures of the British schooners which accompanied your despatch No. 196 were communicated officially to Her Majesty's Legation, and, if so, I request that you will furnish me with a copy of the note by which they were accompanied.

I am, &c.,

SALISBURY.

Sir L. West to the Marquis of Salisbury.—(Received July 22.)

WASHINGTON, 12th July, 1887.

MY LORD,—With reference to your Lordship's telegram of the 8th instant, I have the honor to transmit herewith printed copies of the judicial proceedings in the United States District Court for the district of Alaska in the several cases of the schooners "Onward," "Carolina" and Thornton," proceeded against on a charge of killing fur seal in Alaska.

I have, &c.,

L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

[Enclosure in No. 55.]

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

The United States, Libellant, vs. the Schooner "Thornton," her tackle, &c.—On Libel of Information for being engaged in the Business of Killing Fur Seal in Alaska.

Transcript of Record.

On the 28th day of August, 1886, was filed the following libel of information:—

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA.
AUGUST SPECIAL TERM, 1886.

To the Hon. LAFAYETTE DAWSON, Judge of said District Court :

The libel of information of M. D. Ball, Attorney for the United States for the District of Alaska, who prosecutes on behalf of said United States, and being present here in court in his proper person, in the name and on behalf of the said United States, against the schooner "Thornton," her tackle, apparel, boats, cargo and furniture, and against all persons intervening for their interest therein, in a cause of forfeiture, alleges and informs as follows:—

That Charles A. Abbey, an officer in the Revenue Marine Service of the United States, and on special duty in the waters of the district of Alaska, heretofore, to wit, on the 1st day of August, 1886, within the limits of Alaska territory, and in the waters thereof, and within the civil and judicial district of Alaska, to wit, within the waters of that portion of Behring Sea belonging to the said district, on waters navigable from the sea by vessels of 10 or more tons burden, seized the ship or vessel, commonly called a schooner, the "Thornton," her tackle, apparel, boats, cargo and furniture, being the property of some person or persons to the said attorney unknown, as forfeited to the United States, for the following causes:—

That the said vessel or schooner was found engaged in killing fur seal within the limits of Alaska territory, and in the waters thereof, in violation of section 1956 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

And the said attorney saith that all and singular the premises are and were true, and within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of this court, and that by reason thereof, and by force of the Statutes of the United States in such cases made and provided, the aforementioned and described schooner or vessel, being a vessel of over 20 tons burden, her tackle, apparel, boats, cargo, and furniture, became and are forfeited to the use of the said United States, and that the said schooner is now within the district aforesaid.