

"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:—

1st. That he denies each and every material allegation in said libel of information contained;

2nd. 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;

3rd. 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 1956 of the Revised Statutes of the United States as set forth in said libel of information or at all;

4th. 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.

5th. That all and singular the premises herein are true.

Wherefore said master prays that this honorable court will be pleased to pronounce against the libel herein and that the same may be dismissed with costs to the claimants to be taxed.

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

UNITED STATES, }
District of Alaska. } SS.

Hans Guttormsen being first duly sworn, says he is master of the schooner "Thornton," that he has heard read the foregoing answer and knows the contents thereof and that the same is true of his own personal knowledge.

H. GUTTORMSEN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this }
22nd day of September, A. D. 1886. }

ANDREW T. LEWIS, *Clerk of the U. S. Dist. Court for the District of Alaska.*

On the 4th day of October, 1886, the motion cited, page 5, was returned with the following endorsement:—

SITKA, }
District of Alaska. } SS.

Be it remembered, that, in obedience to the annexed monition, I have attached the within described property and now hold the same in my possession subject to the order of this honorable court;

And I have given due notice to all persons claiming said property to be and appear before this District Court on the 4th day of October, 1886, at 10 o'clock, a.m., if the same shall be a day of jurisdiction, otherwise on the next day of jurisdiction thereafter, then and there to make their claims and allegations in that behalf:—

And I have caused said notice to be published, and the same has been published in the *Alaskan*, a newspaper published at Sitka in said district, on the 4th day of September, 1886, and in each issue of said newspaper subsequent thereto, until 4th day of October, 1886.

SITKA, ALASKA, 4th October, 1886.

BARTON ATKINS, *Marshal, Dist. of Alaska.*

On the same day was filed the following decree:—

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT
OF ALASKA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

UNITED STATES

vs.

THE SCHOONER "THORNTON."—No. 50.

The marshal having returned on the monition issued to him in the above entitled action that in obedience thereto he has attached the said schooner "Thornton,"