

2.- If the provisions of section nine do so operate, to what extent?

3.- If they do not so operate, what is the purpose of them?

The principal question is whether the effect of section nine is to exclude from forfeiture vessels flying the British flag so that they can engage without fear of forfeiture in halibut fishing irrespective of the restrictions of the convention and of the other sections of the Act. If British vessels can so engage the next question before the Department is whether, despite immunity of British vessels from forfeiture, section four operates to render the owners or Masters of vessels or other persons within the scope of the act engaged in halibut fishing contrary to the terms of the convention guilty of the offenses described in the act and subject to its penalties although they are owners or Masters of British vessels or other persons acting on British vessels.

✓ Any information which you could give me in explanation of those questions would be appreciated. It would be helpful for me to know that the views which you may be able to send <sup>me</sup> are in harmony with the interpretation of your Department of Justice.

William Phillips,  
Under Secretary of State."

Will you kindly acknowledge the receipt of this personal message, at your early convenience.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

SGD. John G. Foster

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