

[Enclosure No. 2.]

*Captain Shepard, U. S. R. M., to Mr. Fairchild.*UNITED STATES REVENUE MARINE STEAMER "RUSH,"
OUNALASKA, A. T., 4th July, 1887.

SIR,—I have the honor to report to the department the seizure on 30th June of the schooner "Challenge," of Seattle, Washington Territory, H. B. Jones, master, and Albert Douglas, of Seattle, W. T., President of the Douglas Fur Company, "managing owner," for violations of section 1,961 R. S., they having skins of female fur seals and skins of unborn seal on board, which latter the captain and mate admitted were taken from the female seal killed by themselves or the crew of the vessel.

The "Challenge" when found was anchored at Akantan Island, Alaska. I took her in tow of the "Rush" and proceeded to Ounalaska and delivered her skins, 151 in number, to the United States deputy marshal at this place, and have taken her arms and ammunition on board the "Rush" for safe keeping.

The crew, consisting of fifteen men all told, were shipped at Port Townsend, W. T., by H. Bash, United States shipping commissioner, and were found present, excepting W. Couratz, of Germany, seaman, whom Captain Jones reports was taken sick and sent ashore at Goose Island, British Columbia, and "Hines," an Indian of British Columbia, was shipped in his stead at that place.

On 2nd July, in lat. 54° 58' 00" N., and long. 157° 26' 00" W., Cape Cheerful, Ounalaska Island, bearing S. E. $\frac{1}{2}$ E: 66 miles, I boarded and examined the British steamer schooner "Anna Beck," of Victoria, B. C., Louis Olsen, master, Joe Bosquit, of Victoria, B. C., managing owner, on a sealing voyage, and having about 334 seal skins on board, 19 of which the captain admitted were taken in Behring Sea. His boats had recently been taken out of the water and considerable fresh seal blood and gurry were found on deck, indicating that seal had been skinned and dressed on board that day. I seized the vessel for violation of section 1,956 R. S., took her in tow and proceeded to Ounalaska.

This vessel was seen on 30th June in nearly the same position as when we found her, by Capt. Page of the steamer "Dora," with several boats out hunting seal.

I found on board a crew of 19 men all told (7 white and 12 Indians), and the captain reported that on 30th June two boats containing two Indians each were lost in the fog and could not be found, in addition to the above number.

I have delivered the "Anna Beck" with outfit and 334 seal skins to the United States deputy marshal at Ounalaska. No arms or ammunition were found on board.

As the officers of these vessels have to be taken before the United States District Court at Sitka for trial, to which place there is no established mode of conveyance from here, I have placed the officers and crews of both vessels on board the schooner "Challenge" and despatched Benjamin Lorenzen, one of the crew of this vessel, duly qualified as a Deputy United States marshal, in charge, to Sitka, with instructions, on his arrival at that place, to deliver the vessel, captains and mates to the United States marshal and to set the crews at liberty, Lorenzen to remain at Sitka until the arrival of the "Rush" at the end of the season.

I am, &c.,

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

The Honorable C. S. FAIRCHILD, Secretary of the Treasury.

[Enclosure No. 3.]

*Captain Shepard, U. S. R. M., to Mr. Fairchild.*U. S. REVENUE MARINE STEAMER "RUSH,"
OUNALASKA, ALASKA, 11th July, 1887.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform the department that on 9th July, in the Behring Sea, lat. 54° 43' N., long. 167° 51' W., Cape Cheerful, Ounalaska Island,