

On the 7th day of September, 1886, was filed the following notice and return:—
**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT
 OF ALASKA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

vs.

THE SCHOONER "THORNTON."

To Hans Guttormsen, greeting: You are notified that by order of Lafayette Dawson, judge of said District Court, the depositions of U. A. Abbey, J. C. Cantwell, J. U. Rhodes and J. H. Douglas will be taken before the clerk of said District Court at his office, in Sitka, in said district, on Tuesday, 7th September, 1886, at 7 o'clock p. m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be reached, and if not completed on said evening, the taking of said depositions will be continued by said clerk, from time to time until completed.

Dated 7th September, 1886.

ANDREW T. LEWIS, Clerk.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }
 DISTRICT OF ALASKA. } SS.

This is to certify that on the 7th day of September, 1886, before 12 o'clock, noon, of that day, I served the annexed notice on the within named Hans Guttormsen, at Sitka, District of Alaska, by then and there personally delivering to said Hans Guttormsen a copy of said notice; and then and there gave him the privilege of being present at the taking of said depositions.

Dated 9th September, 1886.

BARTON ATKINS, U. S. Marshal.

On 10th September, 1886, were filed the following depositions:—
**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT
 OF ALASKA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.**

THE UNITED STATES

vs.

THE SCHOONER "THORNTON."—No 50.

Depositions of witnesses sworn and examined before me on the 7th day of September, 1886, at 7 o'clock, p.m., of said day and on 8th and 9th September, 1886, thereafter, at the clerk's office of said court in Sitka, District of Alaska, United States of America, by virtue and in pursuance of the order of said court, made and entered in the above entitled action on September 6th, 1886, directing that the testimony and depositions of said witnesses be taken before me at said first mentioned time and place and at such subsequent times as the taking of the same might be continued to by me, in said action then and there pending in said District Court between the United States as plaintiff and the schooner "Thornton" as defendant, on behalf and at the instance of the said plaintiff, the United States, and upon notice of the time and place of the taking of said depositions, served upon Hans Guttormsen, the captain of the schooner and in possession thereof at time of seizure, and upon W. Clark, Esq., his attorney, the owners thereof being unknown and without the jurisdiction of this court.

Captain C. A. ABBEY, being duly sworn, deposes and says:—

Q. State your name and occupation? A. Captain C. A. Abbey, in the United States revenue marine service, at present in command of the United States revenue Steamer "Corwin" on special duty in Alaskan waters, for the protection of the seal islands and of the Government interests in Alaska generally.