

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

(In Admiralty.)

In the matter of the Libel of Information against the Schooner "Thornton," her Tackle, Apparel, Furniture, and Cargo—Claim of Master for Owner.

And now Hans Guttormsen, master of schooner "Thornton" intervening for the interest of J. D. Warren, of Victoria, British Columbia, the owner of the said schooner "Thornton," her tackle, apparel, furniture, and cargo, as set forth in the libel of information herein, appears before this honorable court and makes claim to the said schooner "Thornton," her tackle, apparel, furniture, and cargo, as set forth in the said libel of information, and as the same are attached by the marshal under process of this court at the instance of M. D. Ball, Esq., United States District Attorney for the District of Alaska.

And the said Hans Guttormsen avers that the said J. D. Warren was in possession of the said schooner at the time of the attachment thereof.

And that the said J. D. Warren above named is the true and *bond fide* owner of the said schooner, her tackle, apparel, cargo and furniture as seized by the said marshal as aforesaid and that no other person is the owner thereof. Wherefore he prays to defend accordingly.

HANS GUTTORMSEN.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of September, A.D. 1886.

(Seal.) ANDREW T. LEWIS, *Clerk of United States*

District Court for the District of Alaska.

W. CLARK AND D. A. DINGLEY,
Precursors for Claimant.

On the same day was filed the following amended libel of information.

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

(August Special Term, 1886.)

To the Honorable LAFAYETTE DAWSON, Judge of said District Court :

The amended 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 own proper person, in the name and on behalf of the said United States, alleges and informs as follows, to wit:—

That C. A. Abbey, an officer in the Revenue Marine Service of the United States, duly commissioned by the President of the United States, in command of the United States Revenue cutter "Corwin," 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's Sea belonging to the United States and said district, on waters navigable from the sea by vessels of ten or more tons burden, seized the schooner "Thornton," her tackle, apparel, boats, cargo, and furniture, being the property of some person or persons unknown to said attorney. The said property is more particularly described as follows, to wit:—

One schooner "Thornton" of Victoria, British Columbia, four boats with oars, sails and gear; carpenter's and caulking tools and materials: five tons of coal, ten yards of canvas, clock, chronometer, nautical instruments, provisions, sails and running gear, ropes, twine, lamps, oil, casks, buckets, engine and gear, twenty sacks salt, 403 fur seal skins, one hair seal skin, three pupseal skins, four rifles, six shot guns, and arms and ammunition for same and all other property found upon or appertenant to said schooner.

That said C. A. Abbey was then and there duly commissioned and authorized by the proper Department of the United States to make said seizure.

That all of the said property was then and there seized as forfeited to the United States for the following causes:—