

[Enclosure No. 5c.]

Certificate of Seizure.

UNITED STATES REVENUE STEAMER "RUSH,"
BEHRING SEA, 6th August, 1887.

To whom it may concern :

This will certify that I have this day seized the British schooner "Alfred Adams," of Victoria, B.C., Captain W. H. Dyer, master, for violation of law, and have taken charge of his ship's papers, viz : Register, shipping articles, clearance bill of health and log book; also her arms and seal skins.

Very respectfully,

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

[Enclosure No. 6c.]

Hon. Mr. Hamley to Hon. Mr. Foster.

CUSTOM HOUSE, VICTORIA, 26th July, 1887.

DEAR SIR,—Captain Carroll, master of the American steamer "Olympian," has been taking parties of excursionists to Sitka, and I asked him to see the judge, Mr. Dawson, and find out something we could trust respecting the seized vessels. Dawson told him he had received no orders whatever for the release of the vessels; they have not been sold, and remain as they were, under seizure. Captain Carroll told Dawson of the telegram, dated last January, purporting to have been sent by Mr. Garland, Attorney General at Washington, in the President's name, ordering the vessels to be released. Dawson said he had heard of it before, and that it must have been, as he termed it, a "put up thing," as nothing of the kind had reached either himself or the United States marshal at Sitka.

The serious part is, that our people trusting to the story of the order for release, have sent thirteen vessels again this year to the sealing grounds—one has been seized already, and if the others fall in the way of the revenue cutters they will probably be seized also. I may perhaps hear something more from the Admiral when he returns from Alaska, and if so I will write to you again.

Yours very truly,

W. HAMLEY.

To the Honorable GEO. E. FOSTER, &c., &c.

[Enclosure No. 7f.]

Attorney General to Judge Dawson.

WASHINGTON, D.C., 26th January, 1887.

To Judge LAFAYETTE DAWSON and M. D. BALL, United States District Attorney, Sitka, Alaska:

I am directed by the President to instruct you to discontinue any farther proceedings in the matter of the seizures of the British vessels "Carolina," "Onward," and "Thornton," and discharge all vessels now held under such seizure and release all persons that may be under arrest in connection therewith.

A. H. GARLAND, *Attorney General.*

[Enclosure No. 8f.]

Judge Dawson to United States Marshal.

To BARTON ATKINS, United States Marshal for the District of Alaska :

You are hereby directed to release the vessels "Carolina," "Onward," and "Thornton," and "San Diego," which were seized in Behring Sea for violation of section (1,956). United States statutes, together with their tackle, apparel, skins, guns, ammunition, small boats and everything pertaining to said vessels, this 1st day of February, 1887.

LAFAYETTE DAWSON, *District Judge, District of Alaska.*