

The said George R. Ferry and A. Laing, on the 8th day of July, A.D. 1887, in the District of Alaska, and within the jurisdiction of this court, to wit, in the Behring Sea, within the waters of Alaska Territory, did kill ten fur seals, contrary to the statutes of the United States in such cases made and provided, and against the peace and dignity of the United States of America.

Dated at Sitka the 23rd day of July, 1887.

DISTRICT OF ALASKA, S.S.

I, M. D. Ball, United States district attorney for Alaska, being duly sworn, say the within information is true, as I verily believe.

M. D. BALL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of July, A.D. 1887.

H. E. HAYDON, *Clerk.*

By A. A. MEYER, *Deputy Clerk.*

[L.S.]

I certify that the within is a true copy of the information filed in the cause.

H. E. HAYDON,

*Clerk.*

By A. A. MEYER,

*Deputy Clerk.*

Personally appeared before me, Montague W. Tyrwhitt Drake, notary public, duly authorized, admitted and sworn, residing and practising in Victoria, B.C., Andrew Laing, mate of the British schooner "W. P. Sayward," who stated that the above written information was served upon him by Mr. M. D. Ball, on the 23rd July, 1887.

M. W. TYRWHITT DRAKE, *Notary Public.*

[L.S.]

No. 66.

*Sir L. S. Sackville West to Lord Lansdowne.*

WASHINGTON, 23rd August, 1887.

MY LORD,—With reference to Your Excellency's telegram of the 8th instant, I have the honor to inclose herewith for the information of Your Excellency's Government, copies of the reports of Captain Shepard of the United States cruiser "Rush," respecting the seizure of the British sealing vessels "Anna Beck," "Sayward," "Dolphin," and "Grace."

I have, &c.,

L. S. SACKVILLE WEST.

His Excellency the Marquis of Lansdowne, G.C.M.G., &c., &c.

[Enclosure No. 1.]

*Mr. Fairchild to Mr. Bayard.*

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, 19th August, 1887.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, in which you refer to information received through the British Minister as to the recent seizures by United States cruisers of three British Columbian sealing schooners in Behring's Sea, and request such information as this Department possesses or can obtain from its agents, relative to said seizures, and in reply thereto, I enclose herewith copies of the reports of the captain of the revenue cutter "Rush," dated the 4th, 11th and 18th ult., reporting the seizures of the British steam schooner "Anna Beck" on the 2nd, the British steam schooner "W. P. Sayward" on the 9th, the British steam schooner "Dolphin" on the 12th, and the British steam schooner "Grace" on the 17th ultimo.

I am, &c.,

C. S. FAIRCHILD, *Secretary.*

The Honorable the Secretary of State, &c., &c., &c.