

July of each year the fur seal is migrating north, and mostly through the Unimak and Akutan Passes to these islands for breeding purposes. They go to no other place in the known world except these islands and Copper Island for breeding purposes.

After the breeding season of about a month they begin to migrate south, and until November of each year are migrating south through Behring Sea. During this season, from May to November, the fur seal are plenty in the waters adjoining the Pribiloff Islands, and are migrating to and from these islands, and are at all times very plenty between Unimak Pass and said islands in a track about 30 miles wide, which seems to be their highway to and from said islands. The schooner "Thornton" and her boats when seized were directly on this track.

J. H. DOUGLAS.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of September, A. D. 1886, after having been read over by me to deponent.

(Seal.)

ANDREW T. LEWIS, *Clerk,*
United States District Court.

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.

Whereas, on the 6th day of September, 1886, the said District Court duly made and entered in the journal of said court an order in the above entitled action, directing that the testimony and depositions of the witnesses: C. A. Abbey, J. C. Cantwell, J. U. Rhodes and J. H. Douglas be taken before me, the clerk of said court, at the time or times and place, and upon such notice as was specified in said order.

Now, therefore, this is to certify:—That in pursuance of said order, on the 7th September, 1886, at 7 p. m., each and all of the above-named witnesses appeared before me at the clerk's office of said court at Sitka, District of Alaska, United States of America: that M. D. Ball, Esq., District Attorney of said Court and District, and W. H. Payson, Esq., appeared then and there on behalf of and as attorneys and proctors for the United States, the libellant herein; and W. Clark, Esq., then and there appeared on behalf of, and as attorney and proctor for the said schooner and her owners herein; and Hans Guttormsen then and there appeared in pursuance of notice served upon him.

That I was unable to complete the taking of said depositions on said 7th day of September, 1886, and I continued the taking thereof on the 8th and 9th September, 1886, and completed the same on said last-named day. That the said parties by their said attorneys and proctors then and there appeared, and were present on each of said last-named days, and at all times during the taking of said depositions. That each of said witnesses was first duly cautioned and sworn by me, then and there, that the evidence he should give in said action, should be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, and thereafter each of said witnesses was then and there examined before me, and I then and there took down the statement and testimony of each of said witnesses, and reduced the same to writing in his presence, and then and there read the same over to him, and he then and there, after the same had been so reduced to writing and read over to him, subscribed the same in my presence, and swore to the truth thereof.

That the foregoing depositions are the depositions of said witnesses then and there taken before me as aforesaid. That due notice of the taking of said depositions was given as required by said order.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of said District Court, this 9th day of September, 1886.

ANDREW T. LEWIS, *Clerk, United States District Court in and for the District of Alaska, United States of America.*

On the 20th day of September, 1886, was filed the following claim of master for owner:—