

her fishery implements sealed up, and an entry thereof made on her clearance or log book, and such sealing up and entry shall be a protection to the vessel against interference by any cruiser in the said waters, during the close season, so long as the seals so affixed shall remain unbroken, unless there shall be evidence of seal hunting notwithstanding.

(III) The sealing up of fishery implements and the entry thereof may be effected by any naval officer or customs officer, or (in Japan) by any consul of any nation to which the vessel belongs. It may also be effected at sea as regards U. S. vessels by the commander of a British cruiser, and as regards British vessels by the commander of a U. S. cruiser. ##

8. In the year 1894 the said R. P. Rithet & Co., Limited Liability, as Managing Agents, determined to fit the said "Favourite" out for a sealing voyage.

9. Laughlin McLean as Master of the said vessel, procured from the Collector of Customs at Victoria aforesaid a Special Sealing License Number 5, dated June 16, 1894, to hunt for seals in Behring Sea, and sailed from Victoria on the 18th June, 1894.

10. The crew of said vessel consisted of Laughlin McLean, master; Owen Thomas, N. P. Neelson, William Hughes, Louis Millet, Charles Kaulback, H. Milway, E. McDonald and George McDonald.

11. At the time said vessel sailed she had no guns or firearms on board except a gun constructed as follows: The barrels of an old double-barrel shotgun were cut to a length of about eleven inches and roughly fixed to a pistol-handle grip of nine inches. The said gun was intended for, and was used only as a signal gun for firing rockets in order to indicate the position of the schooner to any sealing boats which might be at a distance from the schooner while in the hunting grounds. The fact of the said gun being on board was duly entered on the ship's manifest, before leaving Victoria.

12. The said schooner having left the port of Victoria proceeded to Kynuquot on the west coast of Vancouver Island for the purpose of shipping a crew of Indian hunters to hunt for seals in the Behring Sea with spears, in accordance with the regulations.

13. The said schooner arrived at Kynuquot on the 21st day of June, 1894, and procured a crew of 45 Indian hunters.

14. The sealing implements on board having been duly sealed up by Her Majesty's Customs Officer and an entry having been duly