

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

Declared before me at the City of  
Vanconver, British Columbia, }  
this                      day of February, }  
1914.

A Commissioner for taking affidavits  
within British Columbia.

ANNEX No. 18.

CANADA:  
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
VICTORIA.

In the matter of the illegal interference with and prevention of the British Schooners Jessie, Thomas F. Bayard Pescawha by the United States Revenue Cutter Bear from pursuing their lawful occupation on the high seas.

I, Victor Jakobson, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, master mariner, do solemnly declare:

1. That I am the owner and master of the British Schooner Eva Marie, registered at the Port of Victoria, British Columbia.

2. That the said schooner is the same vessel as is referred to in the answer of the United States of America to the memorial of His Britannic Majesty's Government in support of the claims of the owners of the British Schooners Jessie, Thomas F. Bayard and Pescawha for compensation for illegal interference with and prevention from pursuing their lawful occupation on the high seas.

3. That my said vessel was also equipped and manned for hunting sea otter in the same way as the said Schooners Jessie, Thomas F. Bayard and Pescawha, and I hunted in company with them until the evening of the day before they were molested by the United States Revenue Officers of the Bear as alleged, when, having caught sight of the United States Revenue Cutter, I decided to leave that vicinity and accordingly put out to sea.

4. My decision to leave was not founded on any idea that I had no right to be where I was, or that I was breaking any law, rule or regulation, international or local, in being there, but with the