

he then wrote the following in the official log and signed his name to same:

"Boarded the 'Favourite.' Found log correctly kept; no violation of regulations, as per log; one shot gun unsealed.

"(Sgd.) THOS. J. SENN,
Boarding Officer."

He then left the schooner and returned to the "Mohican." I immediately ordered all the canoes out hunting; the "Mohican" steamed off about two miles, she then rounded to and returned and the same officer again boarded me, ordered me to call in all my canoes, take all schooner's papers and signal gun and come aboard "Mohican." The captain then informed me he would have to seize me for having firearms aboard, referring to the signal gun. I protested that the signal gun was only carried and used for firing dockets as night signals to the canoes; that said gun was unfit for killing seals, it being an old gun barely eleven inches long in the barrels, with a pistol handle grip of nine inches; that I had no cartridges of any description, nor shot of any kind aboard; and that it was utterly impossible for me or any one else to use it as a weapon for killing seals; that it was clearly mentioned on the manifest signed by the Collector of Customs at Victoria, B. C., and that if it was a contravention of the law for me to have said gun aboard, that officer would have so informed me before I sailed. My protest was of no avail; the captain of the "Mohican" sent me aboard the schooner with an officer and three men, with instructions to proceed direct to Unalaska, and report to H. M. S. "Pheasant." We arrived there on August the twenty-seventh, and immediately boarded the "Pheasant" and interviewed the captain, who after examining my papers and the signal gun, handed them back to me and ordered me to Victoria to report to the Collector of Customs. I arrived in Victoria on the fifteenth of September, 1894, and reported to the Collector of Customs, who refused to take any action in the matter. The signal gun, together with a letter from the captain of H. M. S. "Pheasant," explaining the case, was sent to Rear Admiral H. F. Stephenson, Commander in Chief of H. M. S. "Royal Arthur." A reply was shortly returned from the Admiral, ordering the release of the schooner.

That in consequence of this unlawful seizure and the loss of balance of sealing season of 1894, I do hereby claim the sum of Twenty-three thousand four hundred and thirty dollars (\$23,430.00) arrived at as follows: