

4. The said regulations among other things provided as follows:—

(a) That a close season should be established over the waters in question extending from the 1st day of May to the 31st day of July in each year.

(b) That every vessel authorized to fish for fur seals should be provided with a special license issued for that purpose by its government.

(c) That the seals should be captured by means of spears, the use of nets, fire arms and explosives being expressly prohibited.

5. The Imperial Statute entitled the "Behring Sea Award Act, 1894," gave the said regulations the force of law throughout Her Majesty's dominions, and provided for the enforcement thereof. The Act also provided that Orders in Council might be enacted for the purpose of carrying the said regulations into effect.

6. In pursuance of the said Act, Imperial Orders in Council were duly passed providing that such licenses might be issued to qualified vessels by the Collector of Customs at the Port of Victoria, British Columbia, and prescribing the conditions governing the application for, and the form in which the said licenses should be issued.

7. In order to provide further for the convenient application of the said regulations, an arrangement was entered into in the year 1894, between Her Majesty's Government and the Government of the United States, which among other things, provided as follows:—

(I) No sealing vessel shall be seized or detained by reason of the absence of a license or of a distinctive flag or merely on account of seals, seal skins or fishery implements being found on board; but, unless there be evidence of unlawful sealing, the commander of the cruiser visiting such vessel shall deliver to the master a certificate of the number of seals and seal skins found on board on that date (keeping a copy of such certificate) and allow the vessel to proceed on her way.

(II) Any sealing vessel lawfully traversing or intending to traverse the said waters during the close season for the purpose of returning to her home port, or of proceeding to any other port, or to or from the sealing grounds, or for other legitimate purpose, may, on the application of the master have