

to be given at each of the places where the same are to be made, by posting such notice, or by publication in some newspaper published at such places respectively.

And that said marshal do have the moneys arising from such sales, together with the writ commanding the same, at a District Court of the United States for this, the said District of Alaska, to be held on the first Monday in September, 1887, and that he then pay the same to the clerk of said court.

CLERK'S OFFICE, UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, DISTRICT OF ALASKA,
SITKA, 10th March, 1887.

I, Andrew T. Lewis, clerk of the said court, do certify that the foregoing transcript of the record in the case of the United States vs. the schooner "Thornton," her tackle, apparel, &c., on libel of information, pending in said court, has been compared by me with the original, and that it is a correct transcript therefrom and of the whole of such original, except the full text of the exhibits referred to in the testimony therein, the purport of which only is stated, and that the purport of said exhibit is correctly stated, as the same appears of record at my office and in my custody.

Witness my hand and the seal of said court, this 10th day of March, 1887.

(Seal.) ANDREW T. LEWIS, *Clerk.*

No. 325.

Lord Lansdowne to Sir Henry Holland.

19th August, 1887.

SIR,—I have the honor to enclose herewith for your information copies of a report received by my Minister of Marine and Fisheries from the Collector of Customs at Victoria, B.C., dated 9th instant, in regard to the seizure of the sealers "Grace Dolphin" and "W. P. Sayward," by United States Revenue Cutter "Richard Rush."

I beg to call your special attention to the deposition, enclosed in Mr. Hamley's report, of Captain Laing, of the "W. P. Sayward." You will observe that Captain Laing states particularly that the seals of which the skins were found on board his vessel were not taken in the Behring Sea.

It is scarcely necessary to dwell upon the grievous hardships occasioned by these seizures, for which, as far I am aware, no justification has yet been forthcoming, not only to the owners and to the officers and crews but to the Indian hunters on board, who were, it appears, "left to find their way home as they could" from Sitka to their own villages, distant about 700 miles from that place.

LANDSDOWNE.

[Enclosure No. 1.]

CUSTOM HOUSE, VICTORIA, B.C., 9th August, 1887.

SIR,—On the 5th instant I sent you word by telegram that three more Canadian vessels had been seized in Behring Sea and sent to Sitka: "Grace," "Dolphin" and "W. P. Sayward." This news reached us by the steamer "Olympian," and the day following the mate of the "W. P. Sayward," one of the seized vessels, came down on the steamer "Idaho." I had him here at the custom house and his statements in some particulars were so important that I thought it desirable that it should be taken down before a notary public and the deposition forwarded to you. I enclose it herewith. The seizure was made on the 9th July by the master of the revenue cutter "Rush" in Behring Sea, from 30 to 40 miles from any land. The skins, 47 in number, all taken, he says, in the Pacific, were lodged in the Alaska Company's warehouse at Oonalaska and the vessel herself sent to Sitka. There is no doubt now, from the declaration of the master of the United States revenue cutter made