

12      **REPLY TO ANSWER OF UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:**

United States of America to the memorial of His Britannic Majesty herein, and I deny the statement in the said report on said page 11. What I doubtless did say was that as we had been rendered powerless to proceed with our otter hunting, the best thing we could do was to cross to the Commander Islands until the sealing season opened in Behring Sea.

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  
Vancouver, British Columbia, }  
this                      day of February, }  
1914.

A Commissioner for taking affidavits  
within British Columbia.

• ANNEX No. 17.

CANADA:  
PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA,  
VANCOUVER.

} In the matter of the illegal  
interference with and preven-  
tion of the British Schooner  
Pescawha by the United  
States Revenue Cutter Bear  
from pursuing her lawful  
occupation on the high seas.

I, Berton Miller Balcom, presently of the City of Vancouver, in the Province of British Columbia, master mariner, do solemnly declare:

1. I am the Berton Miller Balcom referred to in the memorial submitted in the above claim as master of the British Schooner Pescawha.

2. I have read what purports to be a report of Captain W. V. E. Jacobs, U.S.R.C.S., printed at page 11 of the answer of the United States of America to the memorial of His Britannic Majesty herein, and I deny the statement in the said report on said page 11. What I doubtless did say was that as we had been rendered powerless to proceed with our otter hunting, the best thing we could do was to cross to the Commander Islands until the sealing season opened in Behring Sea.