

ers from the danger of the unjust and severe treatment referred to in the foregoing paragraphs, and that consistent with all good faith under the Award, instructions should be so drawn and arrangements so made that Your Petitioners would not as now be harassed by having their voyages interrupted and their business injured through advantage being taken of the accidents aforesaid, notwithstanding every effort to observe the spirit and the letter of the Regulations as prescribed.

Your Petitioners respectfully represent that the time has come when the Imperial authorities should withdraw the concessions granted at their expense and to their detriment and loss to the authorities of the United States, including the right to visit and search sealing vessels in Behring Sea when outside of the ordinary territorial limits.

Your Petitioners submit that the time has come when the Imperial authorities should withdraw all concessions and privileges heretofore granted in addition to the provisions of the Paris Award, except the right on the part of the proper vessels of the United States to take and seize British sealing vessels when guilty of an infraction of any Regulation prescribed by the Paris Award.

If it be possible, your Petitioners desire: (a) That the 60 mile zone under the Paris Award should be reduced to 30; (b) That the season on the coast should be extended to the 1st of June; (c) That any vessel found inside the zone of prohibited water should not be arrested or interfered with unless actually engaged in catching seals; (d) Failing the provision last aforesaid that any vessel arrested within the zone and not caught in the act shall enjoy the usual presumptions of innocence, and be allowed the benefit of the usual marine exceptions as aforesaid, such as stress of weather, fogs, adverse winds, currents and accidents.

Your Petitioners desire to state that this Memorial is not to be considered as in any way interfering with the former petition presented in their behalf.

And Your Petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, etc.,

Dated at Victoria, B. C. this 15th day of November, 1898.