

been proved fit to handle with sufficient skill the weapons by means of which this fishing may be carried on.

ARTICLE 8.

The regulations contained in the preceding articles shall not apply to Indians dwelling on the coast of the territory of the United States or of Great Britain, and carrying on fur-seal fishing in canoes or undecked boats not transported by or used in connection with other vessels and propelled wholly by paddles, oars, or sails, and manned by not more than five persons each in the way hitherto practiced by the Indians, provided such Indians are not in the employment of other persons and provided that, when so hunting in canoes or undecked boats, they shall not hunt fur seals outside of territorial waters under contract for the delivery of the skins to any person.

This exemption shall not be construed to affect the municipal law of either country, nor shall it extend to the waters of Bering Sea or the waters of the Aleutian Passes.

Nothing herein contained is intended to interfere with the employment of Indians as hunters or otherwise in connection with fur-sealing vessels as heretofore.

ARTICLE 9.

The concurrent regulations hereby determined with a view to the protection and preservation of the fur seals, shall remain in force until they have been, in whole or in part, abolished or modified by common agreement between the governments of the United States and of Great Britain.

The said concurrent regulations shall be submitted every five years to a new examination, so as to enable both interested governments to consider whether, in the light of past experience, there is occasion for any modification thereof.

The above regulations of the Paris Tribunal of Arbitration are still in force as applicable to *British vessels*. The closed season for pelagic sealing is therein fixed from the first of May to the thirty-first of July, both inclusive, during which period it is unlawful for British vessels to kill, capture, or pursue the fur seals on the high seas in the Pacific Ocean north of the thirty-fifth degree of north latitude, or eastward of the one hundred and eightieth degree of longitude. Under said regulations British vessels are permitted to engage in pelagic sealing after the thirty-first of July, but in the performance of said sealing they are forbidden to enter a zone within sixty miles around the Pribilof Islands. It shall be the duty of vessels of the Revenue Cutter Service detailed to patrol the waters above described, to seize any British vessel found violating the said regulations of the Paris Arbitration Tribunal, and