On the 10th September, 1886, were filed the following depositions:-

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR THE DISTRICT OF ALASKA, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The United States vs. the Schooner "Thornton," No. 50.

Depositions of witnesses sworn and examined before me on the 7th day of September, 1886, at 7 o'clock p.m. of said day, and on the 8th and 9th September, 1886, thereafter, at the clerk's office of said court in Sitka, district of Alaska, United States of America, by virtue and in pursuance of the order of the said court, made and entered in the above entitled action on the 6th September, 1886, directing that the testimony and depositions of said witnesses be taken before me at said first-mentioned time and place, and at such subsequent times as the taking of the same might be continued to by me, in said action then and there pending in said district court between the United States as plaintiff and the schooner "Thornton" as defendant, on behalf and at the instance of the said plaintiff the United States, and upon notice of the time and place of the taking of the said depositions served upon Hans Guttormsen, the captain of the said schooner, and in possession thereof at the time of seizure, and upon W. Clark, Esq., his attorney, the owners thereof being unknown and without the jurisdiction of this court.

Captain C. A. ABBEY, being duly sworn, doposes and says :---

Q. State your name and occupation. A. Captain C. A. Abbey, in the United States Revenue Marine Service, at present in command of the United States Revenue steamer "Corwin," on special duty in Alaskan waters, for the protection of the seal islands and of the Government interests in Alaska generally.

Q. What were you doing and what occurred on the 1st day of August last in the line of your duty? A. I was cruising in Behring Sea about 70 miles south-southeast from St. George Island, in about latitude and longitude Т found the four boats of the British steam schooner "Thornton," of Victoria, British Columbia, engaged in killing fur seal. Each boat had in her from three to eight freshly killed seal, arms, and ammunition, rowers, and hunters, who stated that they belonged to the said schooner "Thornton," and ware engaged in taking or killing fur seal. Some of them, if not all, were seen shooting at the fur seal which were swimming in their neighborhood. On this evidence, I caused the vessel to be seized by Lieutenant Cantwell, took her in tow, and proceeded with her to Oonalaska, where I placed the vessel, cargo, tackle, furniture, and appurtenances in charge of Deputy United States Marshal Isaac Anderson, of Oonalaska, the cargo of fur seals being stored in "Keuch," in one of the warehouses of the Alaska Commercial Company, and under seal. One boat of the "Thornton" was sent to Sitka by the schooner "San Diego," and placed in custody of the United States Marshal at All of this property is now in the custody of the United States Marshal at Sitka. Sitka, including her arms and ammunition, which I brought to Sitka on the "Corwin."

Q. Was this the vessel against which the libel of information is filed? A. It is.

Q. Did this all occur within the waters of Alaska and the territory of Alaska, and within the jurisdiction of this court? A. It did.

Q. Did this occur within the waters of the sea navigable for vessels of 10 tons burden or over? A. It did.

C. A. ABBEY.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of September, A.D. 1886, after having been read over by me to deponent.

ANDREW T. LEWIS, Clerk,

(Seal)

United States District Court.

Lieutenant JOHN C. CANTWELL, being duly sworn, deposes and says :--

Q. State your name, occupation and age? A. John C. Cantwell, Third Lieutenant United States Revenue Marine Service, at present on duty United States Revenue steamer "Corwin," and over the age of 21 years.