

Mr. Barton Atkins to Mr. C. Spring.

DISTRICT OF ALASKA, OFFICE OF U. S. MARSHAL.

SITKA, 5th December, 1887.

SIR,—I take pleasure in informing you and the other owners of the schooners seized in the Behring Sea by the U. S. S. "Corwin," that I am in receipt of orders from Washington to restore to their owners the schooners "Onward," "Thornton" and "Carolina," their tackle, apparel and furniture, as they now lie in the harbor of Ounalaska. Orders for their release have been forwarded to their custodian at Ounalaska.

Very respectfully,

BARTON ATKINS,

U. S. Marshal, District of Alaska.

Mr. C. SPRING, Victoria, B. C.

[*Extract from an American newspaper (name and date unknown).*]

ALASKA NEWS.

THE SEALERS AND WHAT WILL BE DONE WITH THEM.

Judge Dawson has made an order for the sale at Juneau of the arms and ammunition taken from the British schooners "Thornton," "Carolina" and "Onward" captured last year by the "Corwin." Attorney General Garland sent instructions to Sitka to have the three vessels liberated, but as he made no mention of the arms and ammunition the court concluded that they must be sold, and gave directions accordingly.

The marshal has further been authorized to sell the schooner "W. P. Sayward" (British) and the "Alpha," "Kate," "Anna" and "Sylvia Handy" (American), together with their boats, tackle and furniture. By stipulation entered into last September between Mr. Delaney, acting for the United States, and Mr. Drake, Q. C., representing the Canadian Government, the remaining British schooners cannot be sold until the expiration of three months from the 11th of January next, and then only by the district attorney giving the owners ninety days' notice.

APPLICATION GRANTED.

In the cases of the schooners "Lily L.," "W. P. Sayward," "Annie," "Allie J. Alger," "Alpha," "Kate and Anna," and "Sylvia Handy," an application made by Attorney W. Clark, counsel for the owners, for leave to appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States was granted.

A motion presented by the same attorney, for a stay of proceedings for three months in the cases of the "W. P. Sayward," "Alpha," "Kate and Anna" and the "Sylvia Handy," was refused by the court on the ground that the owners had had ample time in which to prepare for their appeals, and it was entirely their own fault if they had not done so.