

JUDGMENTS AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT BY THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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COMMUNICATION

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

TRANSMITTING

RECORDS OF JUDGMENTS RENDERED AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT BY THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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THE WHITE HOUSE,  
Washington, April 20, 1926.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith for the consideration of Congress, in accordance with the provisions contained in the deficiency act of April 27, 1904 (33 Stat. 422), records of judgments rendered against the Government by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, as submitted by the Attorney General through the Secretary of the Treasury, as follows:

Under the Treasury Department ----- \$533, 944. 24

The necessity for the appropriation asked is explained in the letter of the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, transmitted herewith, in whose conclusions and observations thereon I concur.

Respectfully,

CALVIN COOLIDGE.

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BUREAU OF THE BUDGET,  
Washington, April 19, 1926.

SIR: I have the honor to submit herewith for your consideration, and upon your approval for transmission to Congress, in accordance with the provisions contained in the deficiency act of April 27, 1904

(33 Stat. 422), records of judgments rendered against the Government by the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, as submitted by the Attorney General through the Secretary of the Treasury, as follows:

Under Treasury Department: Under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to confer jurisdiction upon the United States District Court for the Northern District of California, to adjudicate the claims of American citizens," approved June 7, 1924 (Public, No. 230, 43 Stat. 595), covering claims arising out of Government interference with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during years 1886 to 1896; final decrees in these cases rendered in favor of claimants stated in accompanying schedule.----- \$533, 944.24

For the payment of these judgments there is required an appropriation of \$533,944.24, including costs, with the proviso that these judgments shall not be paid until the right of appeal shall have expired.

The Attorney General in his letter, inclosed herewith, forwarding these judgments for certification to Congress, does not report any interest as due on same, nor is the payment of interest provided for in the jurisdictional act above referred to.

Since the foregoing are obligations of the Government lawfully imposed, and which (subject to the reserved right of appeal) must be paid, an appropriation for that purpose is necessary at this time.

Very respectfully,

H. M. LORD,  
*Director of the Bureau of the Budget.*

The PRESIDENT.

EXHIBIT 1

ELLEN DEAL (SCHOONER "SAN DIEGO") v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
*Washington, D. C., February 6, 1926.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing certified copy of judgment entered in the northern district of California in the above matter awarding the plaintiff the sum of \$15,871.50, together with costs in the sum of \$300.87. This action was brought under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924.

Plaintiffs filed complaint in the northern district of California under the special act above mentioned claiming damages in the sum of \$30,000 arising out of loss of seals through seizure of the schooner by the Government vessel.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are transmitting the judgment to you with the request that it be placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
*Assistant Attorney General*  
*(For the Attorney General).*

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17119

Name: Ellen Deal, as special administratrix of the estate of Joseph L. Handy, deceased; Stephen L. Handy, as the administrator of the estate of Lucien N. Handy, deceased; and Robert A. Woodyard, as administrator of the estate of James L. Carthcut, deceased.

Amount: \$15,871.50.

Costs: \$300.87.

Date of judgment: December 31, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings, aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Ellen Deal, as special administratrix of the estate of Joseph L. Handy, deceased; Stephen L. Handy, as the administrator of the estate of Lucien N. Handy, deceased; and Robert A. Woodyard, as administrator of the estate of James L. Carthcut, deceased, plaintiffs, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$15,871.50, together with their costs herein expended taxed at \$300.87.

## EXHIBIT 2

SOPHIA A. SUTHERLAND (SCHOONER "SOPHIA SUTHERLAND") *v.* UNITED STATES (REVENUE CUTTER "RUSH")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$29,889.30, together with costs in the sum of \$56.05. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17122

Name: Sophia A. Sutherland.

Amount: \$29,889.30.

Costs: \$56.05.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Sophia A. Sutherland, plaintiff, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$29,889.30, together with her costs herein expended taxed at \$56.05.

## EXHIBIT 3

FRANK L. BANGS (STEAMSHIP "COLUMBIA") *v.* UNITED STATES ("RUSH," "RANGER" AND "ALBATROS")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$22,304.80, together with costs in the sum of \$39.45. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 and 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17127

Name: Frank L. Bangs and J. F. Pike, as executor of the last will and testament of Peter Hay, deceased.

Amount: \$22,304.80.

Costs: \$39.45.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Frank L. Bangs and J. F. Pike, as executor of the last will and testament of Peter Hay, deceased, plaintiffs, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$22,304.80, together with their costs herein expended taxed at \$39.45.

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EXHIBIT 4

MARY L. LADD (SCHOONER "LILLY L.") v. UNITED STATES (REVENUE CUTTER "RUSH")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$71,586, together with costs in the sum of \$55.55. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17135

Name: Mary L. Ladd, as executrix of the estate of Charles Douglas Ladd, deceased.

Amount: \$71,586.

Costs: \$55.55.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Mary L. Ladd, as executrix of the estate of Charles Douglas Ladd, deceased, plaintiff, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$71,586, together with her costs herein expended taxed at \$55.55.

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EXHIBIT 5

WILLIAM H. THORNLEY (SCHOONER "MATTIE L. DYER") v. UNITED STATES  
(REVENUE CUTTER "THETIS")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$49,771.30, together with costs in the sum of \$70.55. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages the Bering Sea during the year 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17154

Name: William H. Thornley, as administrator of the estate of Charles E. Mockler, deceased.

Amount: \$49,771.30.

Costs: \$70.55.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that William H. Thornley, as administrator of the estate of Charles E. Mockler, deceased, plaintiff, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$49,771.30, together with his costs herein expended taxed at \$70.55.

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EXHIBIT 6

JANE GRAY KELLEY ET AL. (SCHOONER "JANE GRAY") v. UNITED STATES  
(U. S. S. "YORKTOWN")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 6, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment which has been entered in the northern district of California awarding the plaintiffs \$19,007, together with costs in the sum of \$89.65. This action was brought under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924.

This is one of the sealing claims filed in the northern district of California under the special act above stated in which plaintiffs claimed damages in the sum of \$39,000 arising out of losses sustained by reason of the seizure of their sealing schooner by the Government vessel.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken from the judgment, and it is therefore transmitted to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17157

Name: Jane Gray Kelley, Joseph R. Knowland, Lucy B. Hill, and John H. Whitham, as the only surviving trustee of Wright, Bowne & Co. (Inc.), a California corporation.

Amount: \$19,007.

Costs: \$89.65.

Date of judgment: January 12, 1926.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Jane Gray Kelley, Joseph R. Knowland, Lucy B. Hill, and John H. Whitham, as the only surviving trustee of Wright, Bowne & Co. (Inc.), a California corporation, plaintiffs, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$19,007, together with their costs herein expended, taxed at \$89.65.

EXHIBIT 7

MARY L. LADD ET AL (SCHOONER "EMMA AND LOUISA") v. UNITED STATES  
(U. S. S. "YORKTOWN" AND U. S. S. "ADAMS")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$29,926, together with costs in the sum of \$44.75. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17158

Name: Mary L. Ladd, as executrix of the estate of Charles D. Ladd, deceased, and George T. Wright, as executor of the estate of John D. Tallant, deceased.

Amount: \$29,926.

Costs: \$44.75.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Mary L. Ladd, as executrix of the estate of Charles D. Ladd, deceased, and George T. Wright, as executor of the estate of John D. Tallant, deceased, plaintiffs, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$29,926, together with their costs herein expended taxed at \$44.75.

EXHIBIT 8

RUTH C. HILTON (SCHOONER "VENTURE") *v.* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$3,166.56, together with costs in the sum of \$31.65. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17174

Name: Ruth C. Hilton, as administratrix of the estate of John C. Nixon, deceased.

Amount: \$3,166.56.

Costs: \$31.65.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Ruth C. Hilton, as administratrix of the estate of John C. Nixon, deceased, plaintiff, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$3,166.56, together with her costs herein expended taxed at \$31.65.

EXHIBIT 9

RUTH C. HILTON (SCHOONER "HENRY DENNIS") *v.* UNITED STATES (REVENUE CUTTER "THETIS")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$55,545.40, together with costs in the sum of \$53. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

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This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General,  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17175

Name: Ruth C. Hilton, as administratrix of the estate of John C. Nixon, deceased.

Amount: \$55,545.40.

Costs: \$53.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Ruth C. Hilton, as administratrix of the estate of John C. Nixon, deceased, plaintiff, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$55,545.40, together with her costs herein expended taxed at \$53.

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EXHIBIT 10

HENRY OHLEMUTZ ET AL. (SCHOONER "NELLIE MARTIN") v. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$4,269.90, together with costs in the sum of \$48.55. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17176

Name: Henry Ohlemutz and Charles Dankert.

Amount: \$4,269.90.

Costs: \$48.55.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Henry Ohlemutz, plaintiff, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$2,846.60, and that Charles Dankert, plaintiff, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$1,423.30, together with their costs herein expended taxed at \$48.55.

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#### EXHIBIT 11

FRED V. NIELSEN (SCHOONER "SAN DIEGO") *v.* UNITED STATES (REVENUE CUTTER "RUSH")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 19, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing certified copy of judgment entered in the northern district of California awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$50,062.16, together with costs in the sum of \$84.05.

This suit was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the northern district of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17178

Name: Fred V. Nielsen, Henry F. Goff, Roscoe Wheeler, jr., as administrator, of the estate of Helen Mar Wheeler, deceased; Julia A. Wheeler, as administratrix of the estate of Eben D. Wheeler, deceased; and Robert A. Woodyard, as administrator of the estate of Warren D. Woodbury, deceased.

Amount: \$50,062.16.

Costs: \$84.05.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Fred V. Nielsen, Henry F. Goff, Roscoe Wheeler, jr., as administrator of the estate of Helen Mar Wheeler, deceased; Julia A. Wheeler, as administratrix of the estate of Eben D. Wheeler, deceased, and Robert A. Woodyard, as administrator of the estate of Warren D. Woodbury, deceased, plaintiffs, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$50,062.16, to be apportioned as follows: Fred V. Nielsen, one-fourth; Roscoe Wheeler, jr., as administrator of the estate of Helen Mar Wheeler, deceased, one-fourth; Henry F. Goff, one-fourth; Julia A. Wheeler, as administratrix of the estate of Eben D. Wheeler, deceased, one-eighth; and Robert A. Woodyard, as administrator of the estate of Warren D. Woodbury, one-eighth, together with their costs herein expended taxed as \$84.05.

## EXHIBIT 12

RUTH C. HILTON (SCHOONER "JAMES HAMILTON LEWIS") *v.* UNITED STATES  
(REVENUE CUTTER "RUSH")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$11,082.96, together with costs in the sum of \$150.80. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17180

Name: Ruth C. Hilton, as administratrix of the estate of John C. Nixon, deceased.

Amount: \$11,082.96.

Costs: \$150.80.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Ruth C. Hilton, as administratrix of the estate of John C. Nixon, deceased, plaintiff, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$11,082.96, together with her costs herein expended taxed at \$150.80.

## EXHIBIT 13

GLADYS LORENE JAY (SCHOONER "ALLIE I. ALGAR") *v.* UNITED STATES (REVENUE CUTTER "BEAR")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, February 6, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing certified copy of judgment entered in the northern district of California in the above matter awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$32,089.36, together with costs amounting to \$255. This action was brought under the special act of June 7, 1924.

The plaintiffs filed a complaint claiming damages in the sum of \$80,334, for loss of seals arising out of the seizure of the schooner by the Government vessel. The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken from this decision and we are transmitting the judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17182

Name: Gladys Lorene Jay, as administratrix of the estate of Cornelia Rose Algar, deceased, Henry B. Algar, W. A. Bane, and Gladys Lorene Jay.

Amount: \$32,089.36.

Costs: \$255.

Date of judgment: November 23, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Gladys Lorene Jay, as administratrix of the estate of Cornelia Rose Algar, deceased, Henry B. Algar, W. A. Bane, and Gladys Lorene Jay, plaintiffs, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$32,089.36, together with their costs herein expended, taxed at \$255.

EXHIBIT 14

RANKO PETKOVITZ (SCHOONER "EMMETT FELITZ") *v.* UNITED STATES (REVENUE CUTTER "ADAMS")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$20,948.20, together with costs in the sum of \$45.85. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17184

Name: Ranko Petkovits.

Amount: \$20,948.20.

Costs: \$45.85.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Ranko Petkovits, plaintiff, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$20,948.20, together with his costs herein expended, taxed at \$45.85.

## EXHIBIT 15

ROSIE OLSEN COHN (SCHOONER "LOUIS OLSEN") *v.* UNITED STATES (REVENUE CUTTER "RUSH")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$43,712.25, together with costs in the sum of \$65.50. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17185

Name: Rosie Olsen Cohn.

Amount: \$43,712.25.

Costs: \$65.50.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Rosie Olsen Cohn, plaintiff, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$43,712.25, together with her costs herein expended taxed at \$65.50.

## EXHIBIT 16

RUTH C. HILTON (SCHOONER "ALLIE I. ALGAR") *v.* UNITED STATES (REVENUE CUTTER "RUSH")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$47,121.24, together with costs in the sum of \$57.25. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the northern district of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17207

Name: Ruth C. Hilton, as administratrix of the estate of John C. Nixon, deceased.

Amount: \$47,121.24.

Costs: \$57.25.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings, aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Ruth C. Hilton, as administratrix of the estate of John C. Nixon, deceased, plaintiff, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$47,121.24, together with her costs herein expended at \$57.25.

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EXHIBIT 17

ABBY R. FERGUSON (SCHOONER "ANGEL DOLLY") *v.* UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment, which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case, awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$6,489, together with costs in the sum of \$54.40. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 and 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17208

Name: Abby R. Ferguson, as administratrix of the estate of Walter H. Ferguson, deceased; Kathryn G. Garvin, as administratrix of the estate of James Garvin, deceased; Margaret J. Griffin, as administratrix of the estate of John D. Griffin, deceased; and Robert A. Woodyard, as administrator of the estate of A. C. Turton, deceased.

Amount: \$6,489.

Costs: \$54.40.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Abby R. Ferguson, as administratrix of the estate of Walter H. Ferguson, deceased; Kathryn G. Garvin, as administratrix of the estate of James Garvin, deceased; Margaret J. Griffin, as administratrix of the estate of John D. Griffin, deceased; and Robert A. Woodyard, as administrator of the estate of A. C. Turton, deceased, plaintiffs, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$6,489 to be apportioned as follows: Abby R. Ferguson, as administratrix of the estate of

Walter H. Ferguson, deceased, one-eighth; Kathryn G. Garvin, as administratrix of the estate of James Garvin, deceased, one-fourth; Margaret J. Griffin as administratrix of the estate of John D. Griffin, deceased, one-half; and Robert A. Woodyard, as administrator of the estate of A. C. Turton, deceased, one-eighth, together with their costs herein expended taxed at \$54.40.

## EXHIBIT 18

JOHN CAUGHELL ET AL. (SCHOONER "SAN JOSE") v. UNITED STATES (U. S. S. "RUSH")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 20, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing certified copy of judgment which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above matter awarding the plaintiffs \$9,386.14, together with costs in the sum of \$52.75.

This is one of the sealing claims which has been filed in the northern district of California under the special act of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on that court to hear and determine the claims of American citizens arising out of the Government interfering with their sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are, therefore, transmitting the judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Northern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17210

Name: John Caughell, Kathryn G. Garvin, as administratrix of the estate of James Garvin, deceased; Margaret J. Griffin, as administratrix of the estate of John D. Griffin, deceased; and Robert A. Woodyard, as administrator of the estate of John S. Lee, deceased.

Amount: \$9,386.14.

Costs: \$52.75.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that John Caughell, Kathryn G. Garvin, as administratrix of the estate of James Garvin, deceased; Margaret J. Griffin, as administratrix of the estate of John D. Griffin, deceased; and Robert A. Woodyard, as administrator of the estate of John S. Lee, deceased, plaintiffs, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$9,386.14, to be apportioned as follows: John Caughell, one-fourth; Margaret J. Griffin, as administratrix of the estate of John D. Griffin, deceased, one-fourth; Kathryn G. Garvin, as administratrix of the estate of James Garvin, deceased, one-fourth; and Robert Woodyard, as administrator of the estate of John S. Lee, deceased, one-fourth, together with their costs herein expended taxed at \$52.75.

## EXHIBIT 19

EDWARD ANDREWS (SCHOONER "VENTURE") v. UNITED STATES (REVENUE CUTTER "RUSH")

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,  
Washington, D. C., February 16, 1926.

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

SIR: We are inclosing herewith certified copy of judgment which has been entered in the northern district of California in the above case awarding the plaintiffs the sum of \$10,116, together with costs in the sum of \$53.50. Judgment was entered on December 22, 1925.

This action was instituted under the special act of Congress of June 7, 1924, conferring jurisdiction on the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to hear and determine the claims of American citizens for sealing losses arising out of the Government interfering with sealing voyages in the Bering Sea during the years 1886 to 1896.

The Solicitor General has determined that no appeal will be taken in this case, and we are therefore transmitting the final judgment to you for the purpose of being placed in line for payment.

Respectfully,

IRA LLOYD LETTS,  
Assistant Attorney General  
(For the Attorney General).

United States District Court for the Southern District of California, Southern Division

No. 17232

Name: Edward Andrews, F. H. Andrews, and Celia Gervais, as administratrix of the estate of Louis L. Etzel, deceased.

Amount: \$10,116.

Costs: \$53.50.

Date of judgment: December 22, 1925.

Nature of claim: Action to recover compensation for damages due to Government interfering with sealing voyage in Bering Sea.

Final decree: Now, therefore, by virtue of the law and by reason of the findings aforesaid, it is considered by the court that Edward Andrews, F. H. Andrews, and Celia Gervais, as administratrix of the estate of Louis L. Etzel, deceased, plaintiffs, do have and recover of and from the United States of America, defendant, the sum of \$10,116, together with their costs herein expended taxed at \$53.50.



