

By a comparison of the lease with the law, it will be seen that not only are all the requirements of the law included, but there are several other provisions for the better security of the interests of the Government and the humane treatment of the natives than the law calls for. The law provides for a rental of \$50,000; the lease makes it \$55,000. The law fixes \$2 as a tax to be paid on each fur-seal skin taken and shipped; the lease fixes it at \$2.62½. The law makes no provision for a tax on any seal-oil obtained; the lease provides that the lessees shall pay 55 cents per gallon on such oil taken and sold, and further stipulates that they will "turnish free of charge to the inhabitants of the islands of Saint Paul and Saint George, annually during said term, twenty-five thousand dried salmon, sixty cords firewood, a sufficient quantity of salt, and a sufficient number of barrels for preserving the necessary supply of meat; to maintain a school on each island, and suitable for the education of the natives of said islands, for a period of not less than eight months in each year."