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No. 508

In re. WONG JONES, Restaurateur, No. 3037 Dearborn street, Chicago, Illinois

STATEMENT  
OF REGISTERED CHINESE LABORER ABOUT TO DEPART FROM THE UNITED STATES WITH  
THE INTENTION OF RETURNING THERETO.

MADE in compliance with the treaty between the United States and China, concluded and signed on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1894, ratified December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1894, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1894, and the act of Congress entitled "An Act to prohibit the coming into, and to regulate the residence within the United States, its Territories, and all territory under its jurisdiction, and the District of Columbia, of Chinese persons, and persons of Chinese descent", approved April 29, 1902, and the Rules and Regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury in conformity therewith.



I HEREBY DECLARE That I am a Chinese Laborer, duly registered as such under the act of Congress approved May 5, 1882, as amended by the Act of November 3, 1893. My Certificate of Residence to be presented herewith was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Illinois, at the City of Chicago in said district, and on April 19, 1894, and is numbered "8092".

## MY PRESENT DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:-

NAME:- W O N G J O N E S.

AGE:- Forty Two (42) Years.

HEIGHT:- Five feet, Six inches, in American Shoes.

LOCAL RESIDENCE:- No. 3037 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill.

OCCUPATION:- Restaurateur.

EYES:- Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:- Olive.

PHYSICAL MARKS AND PECULIARITIES FOR IDENTIFICATION:-  
Faint Scar, Neck, Under Left Ear.

## I CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS DESCRIBED BELOW:

PROPERTY:- None, except the personal property and debt below, and money in hand.

DEBTS:- Payable by one, ~~Soo Hoo She, Merchant, of No. 299 Clark street, in the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, for money loaned the sum of Six Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$650.00)~~ *Wong Doy, Restaurateur, of No. 3037 Dearborn St., in the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, for money loaned the sum of Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800) for restaurant.*  
Payable by one Lum Bock, Restaurateur, of No. 3119 Cottage Grove avenue, in the said City of Chicago, for monies loaned, the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$550.00).

Said debts aggregate, and are actually and reasonably worth at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). They are unsettled and unascertained, and are not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I HEREBY AGREE That none of such debt shall be diverted, transferred or collected during my absence, but shall remain as they now exists until my return to the United States.

I intend to depart from the United States at the sub-port of Portal, in the State of North Dakota, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may; and to return to the United States at the same sub-port of Portal within one year thereafter.

Dated at Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A., Sept 26 1906.

Wong Jones

Subscribed and sworn to, by the above-named WONG JONES, at the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, this 26 day of September, A.D., nineteen hundred six, before me.

Chinese & Immigrant Inspector.

Re-sworn, after payment,



September 18, 1905.

Case of : Ward E. Thompson, Examining Inspector.  
WONG JONES (JUNG), :  
Dep. Lab. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Applicant, WONG JONES (JUNG), testified:

Q What is your name?  
A Wong Jones.  
Q How old are you?  
A I am 42 years old.  
Q Where do you live?  
A I live at No. 3037 Dearborn St., Chicago.  
Q What is your occupation?  
A I am a restaurant keeper.  
Q When did you first come to the United States?  
A I first came to the United States K.S. 7th or 8th year.  
Q Where did you land?  
A I landed at San Francisco.  
Q Have you a wife, parent, or child in the United States?  
A No.  
Q Have you any property in the United States?  
A No.  
Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?  
A On the grounds that I have debts due me in this country.  
Q How much have you due you?  
A I have \$1200.00 due me.  
Q Who owes you this \$1200.00?  
A Soo Hoo She owes me \$650 and Lum Bock owes me \$550.  
Q Where did you get this money that you loaned these men?  
A I made it in the restaurant business.  
Q Did either man give you a note for it?  
A No.  
Q Does either debt draw interest?  
A No.  
Q When did you loan Soo Hoo She the \$650?  
A I loaned it to him May 5, 1904.  
Q Will he pay you back all or any part of it before you return?  
A He will not.  
Q When did you loan this \$550 to Lum Bock?  
A December 5, 1904.  
Q Will this man pay you back this money?  
A Not until I return to the United States.  
Q Is this your picture (showing photo of applicant)?  
A It is.  
Q Have you understood Wong Aloy?  
A I have.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed in English:

(Signed)	WONG JONES (JUNG),	Applicant.
(Signed)	WONG ALOY,	Interpreter.
(Signed)	WARD E. THOMPSON,	Inspector.



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Applicant, WONG JONES, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Wong Jones.
- Q You were examined by Inspector Thompson September 18, 1905, regarding claims of debt. What change, if any, has there been since that time?
- A The debt due from Lum Bock remains the same, but Soo Hoo See paid me what he owed me last Saturday.
- Q Who else owes you?
- A Wong Doy bought my restaurant and paid me \$800 but he still owes me \$800 on the price, which was \$1600.
- Q When did the sale take place?
- A K.S. 32, 8, 15.
- Q Where did the sale take place?
- A In the restaurant itself.
- Q How long have you known Wong Doy?
- A About three years.
- Q Did he give you any note for the money? A No.
- Q Did you put it down in your book? A No.
- Q When will he pay you? A After my return.
- Q If he doesn't pay you, will you take the restaurant?
- A I will wait a while for him to pay and then if he doesn't I will take back one-half.
- Q How much business ~~are~~ did you do in that restaurant?
- A \$250 to \$300 a week.
- Q Is that place worth \$1600?
- A Yes.
- Q Is this a true debt?
- A Yes.
- Q Where did he get the cash he paid you?
- A I understood his cousin sent it to him.
- Q Has he any papers to show that it is his restaurant?
- A No, I offered him a bill of sale, but he said there was no need of that, as we are cousins.
- Q Have you understood the Interpreter?
- A Yes, sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) WONG JONES,	Applicant.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER,	Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY,	Interpreter.



Witness, LUM BOCK, testified in English:

- Q What is your name? A Lum Bock.  
 Q How old are you? A I am 30 years old.  
 Q What is your business?  
 A I am a restaurant keeper at No. 3119 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago.  
 Q How much interest have you in that restaurant?  
 A Well, I am the sole owner of that restaurant and I have put in about \$1000.00 in the business, fixtures and all.  
 Q Do you recognize this photograph (showing photo of applicant)?  
 A Yes, that is my friend Hum Sing; I have known him about 7 years.  
 Q Did you ever borrow any money from him?  
 A Yes, I borrowed \$550 from him one time.  
 Q What did you want with this money?  
 A I was hard run and wanted it to put into my restaurant business when I started it.  
 Q Did you give him a note for it? A No, I did not.  
 Q Does the debt draw any interest?  
 A No; he and I are great friends and I don't have to pay him any interest.  
 Q When did you borrow it? A December 5, 1904.  
 Q Why don't you pay him back now?  
 A I can't do it; I haven't any money, but I will pay him some day.  
 Q Will you pay him when he comes back from China?  
 A Sure, but not before.  
 Q Have you a book containing this account?  
 A Yes, sir; I have got it entered in my restaurant book.  
 Q If this man dies while you are in China would that release you from that debt?  
 A No, indeed; I would then be indebted to his relatives and sent it to them.

Witness, sworn by Inspector Thompson, signed in English:

(Signed)	LUM BOCK,	Witness.
(Signed)	WONG ALOY,	Interpreter.
(Signed)	WARD E. THOMPSON,	Inspector.

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Witness, LUM BOCK, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q Do you still owe the same amount to Wong Jones as on September 18, 1905?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Why haven't you paid him any of it back?  
 A Business has been very bad and I haven't had it to spare.  
 Q When are you going to pay him?  
 A I will pay him just as soon as I get the money.  
 Q Has there been any change in the obligation since your testimony before Inspector Thompson on September 18, 1905?  
 A No, sir; it remains the same.  
 Q Do you swear that this is a true debt and not one manufactured to enable him to go to China?  
 A No, sir; it is a true debt, not false.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed)	LUM BOCK,	Witness.
(Signed)	L. T. PLUMMER,	Inspector.



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Witness, WONG DOY, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Wong Doy.  
Q What is your business? A Restaurant owner.  
Q Where? A No. 3037 Dearborn St. I bought out Wong Jones.  
Q When did you buy? A K.S. 32, 8, 15.  
Q What did you pay? A \$1,600.  
Q Cash?  
A I gave one-half cash and still owe \$800 more.  
Q Where did you get the money?  
A A cousin of mine in San Francisco, Wong Kew Duck, sent it to me.  
Q How long have you known Wong Jones? A About three years.  
Q Did you give any note for the \$800?  
A No, as we are cousins, and I agreed to pay him upon his return.  
Q Did you get a bill of sale of the place?  
A No, but the lease was assigned to me and is signed by my marriage name, Wong Sing Bow.  
Q Does Wong Jones have the restaurant as security for his \$800?  
A No; no security, but I will pay him on his return. In case I can't pay him I will return the restaurant to him.  
Q Is this a true debt?  
A Sure, it is a true debt.  
Q Would you be willing for me to go to court and testify to what you have told me?  
A Yes; it is a true debt and I am willing that you should do it.  
Q Have you understood the Interpreter?  
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) WONG DOY,	Witness.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER,	Inspector.
(Signed) WONG ALOY,	Interpreter.

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