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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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SUBJECT:

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 March 17, 1894, ratified December 7, 1894, and proclaimed by the President of the United States December 6, 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 20, 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, 1898, as amended by the act of November 3, 1893, My Certificate of Residence is attached to this Statement, It was issued to me by the Collector of Internal Revenue for the First District of Illinois at the city of Chicago in said district, dated April 3rd, 1894, and Numbered 6284.

NAME:--CHOW LUNG NIE.

PRESENT AGE:--Forty (40) Years.

LOCAL RESIDENCE:--No. 331 So. Clark St. Chicago Ill.

OCCUPATION:--Laundryman.

HEIGHT:--Five (5) Feet, Seven and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) inches.

COLOR OF EYES:--Dark Brown.

PERSONAL NAMES or Peculiarities for Identification,
NONE.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS the Property and Debts described below:--

PROPERTY:--None, except the debts and accounts specified below.

DEBTS:--due from Moy Show, 760 East 63rd street, in the said city of Chicago Seven hundred and Fifty Dollars (750.00) for monies loaned; which said debt is unsettled and unascertained, and not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

Due from Charles Poy, 331 south Clark street, in said city of Chicago, Four Hundred Dollars (400.00) for monies loaned; which said debt is unsettled and unascertained and not covered by promissory note or notes, or other evidence of ascertained liability.

I hereby agree yhat none of such property or debts shall be diverted, transferred or collected during my absence and that the above described claims shall remain as they now exist until my return.

I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST a CERTIFICATE of my right to return to the United States.

Subscribed and sworn to, this 23 day)
of September, A.D. 1905, before me, } 曹光远

L.S. Huiuuri
acting Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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CHICAGO, October 6, 1905.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
 CHOW LUNG NIE, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.
 Dep. Lab. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Chow Lung Nie.
 Q How old are you?
 A 40 years old.
 Q Where were you born?
 A In China.
 Q Have you a wife, child, or parent in this country?
 A No, sir.
 Q Have you any property in this country?
 A No, sir.
 Q Have you any debts due you in this country?
 A Yes, sir.
 Q Give me the names of your debtors and tell me how much they owe you?
 A Moy Shue owes me \$750, and Chow Poy owes me \$400.
 Q Now, how does it happen that Moy Shue owes you \$750?
 A He borrowed this money to put in the business.
 Q What kind of business?
 A A restaurant or chop suey house.
 Q Where?
 A On 63rd Street, Chicago, near Cottage Grove Avenue.
 Q When did he borrow the money?
 A Chinese date, this year, February, first day.
 Q Did he borrow it all at one time?
 A All at one time.
 Q Where did you pass the money over to him?
 A At No. 331 South Clark Street, Chicago, at the store of Quong Hop Lung Co.
 Q Where did you get the money? Where was it?
 A I had all this money; I worked and saved it.
 Q Did you have it on deposit, or in your trunk, or where at the time he borrowed it?
 A I make a deposit of money with Quong Hop Lung Co. from time to time. When this loan took place I went to this store to get it there and turn over to this man.
 Q What kind of money? Silver, gold, or bills?
 A All bills.
 Q Did he give you any note for the money?
 A No.
 Q Is he going to pay you any interest for it?
 A No.
 Q Did you put it down in any book?
 A Yes, I put it down in my little book.
 Q Have you got the book with you?
 A Yes, I have it with me. (Witness produced book, containing a number of personal accounts, and the entry: "Moy Shue borrowed from me K.S. 31st year, 2nd month, first day, \$750.")
 Q Did you write that yourself?
 A No; when I loaned this money to this man I handed this book to the bookkeeper of that store and asked him to put it down for me, which he did.

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- Q How long a time did you let him have this money for; that is, when do you expect him to pay you back?
- A We have not made any particular limit of time until a few days ago I wanted to go to China I asked him to pay me back, and he said he could not pay me now but would pay me when I came back from China.
- Q What kind of work did you do to earn this money?
- A I made this money; sometimes I kept a laundry myself and sometimes work for another man and earn it and save it.
- Q Do you own a laundry now anywhere?
- A No.
- Q About this debt which you say is due you from Chow Poy; when did you let him have that money?
- A I let Chow Poy have this money K.S. 28 Chinese date, 76th month, 15th day. It also took place at Quong Hop Lung Co., 331 S. Clark St.
- Q What did he want with it, do you know?
- A He wanted it to buy a laundry with at that time.
- Q Did he buy the laundry?
- A I don't remember now whether he bought a laundry with it or opened one.
- Q Do you remember where it was he bought a laundry or started one?
- A I think it was at 37th St. and State St.
- Q Did you let him have this money all at one time?
- A Yes, sir; all at one time.
- Q Where did you have the money on deposit at the time you let him have it?
- A I also had this money deposited at Quong Hop Lung Co., where I always deposit my money.
- Q Did he ever pay you any part of this money back?
- A No, sir.
- Q Why not?
- A He said he lost a good deal in the business and he had a wife and children to support and could not let me have it.
- Q Are his wife and children in this country?
- A Yes, they are in this country.
- Q How many children has he?
- A One boy and one girl.
- Q Did he give you any note for that money when he borrowed it?
- A No, sir.
- Q Is he going to pay you any interest for it?
- A No, sir.
- Q When do you expect he will pay it back?
- A He did not say when he would pay me but he said when I came from China he would do his best.
- Q Did you put that account down in your book at the time that money was borrowed?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q Let me see the book and account?
- A (Witness produced book containing account: "Chow Poy borrowed from me K.S. 28th year, June 15th day, \$400.")
- Q Why didn't you have these men give you notes for this money?
- A One of these men is my cousin and the other is my good friend. It is the Chinese custom not to ask our debtors to give us a note.
- Q How do you expect to get this money if they say they don't owe you any money?
- A My book will show for it.
- Q Yes, but suppose they have books which show that they paid it?
- A When we settle accounts or any money is paid back we always take our books out and put the items down there, how much was paid and the time; both parties.

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- Q How long have you known Chow Poy?
A A long time; I knew him in China and after he came from China he was here a long time before I came here, and after I came I knew him again.
- Q Does anybody else owe you any money except these two?
A Yes, a few more men owe me some but only a small amount, not worth while to make a statement to.
- Q How many years have you been in Chicago?
A I have been in Chicago about 24 years.
- Q Have you been working in laundries most of that time?
A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you owned any laundries yourself?
A Yes, sir; I have.
- Q Don't you own any laundry now?
A No, sir; I sold out.
- Q When was the last time you owned a laundry?
A The last laundry I owned was at 780 East 47th St., Chicago.
- Q How long ago was it?
A I owned that laundry about 3 or 4 years; I sold it out last year in June, Chinese.
- Q What have you been doing since then?
A Since I sold out I have worked where I could.
- Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in Chinese.

(Signed) CHOW LUNG NIE, Applicant.
(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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Witness, MOY SHUE, sworn by Inspector Plummer,
testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Moy Shue.
Q What is your business?
A Restaurant keeper; chop suey.
Q Do you own an interest in a restaurant or just work in one?
A I own an interest in that restaurant.
Q How much of an interest do you own?
A \$750.
Q Where is your restaurant?
A No. 760 East 63d St., Chicago.
Q How many partners have you in that restaurant?
A 6 partners.
Q How much money have all of you got in it altogether?
A \$4,000 to \$5,000.
Q How long have you known Chow Lung Nie?
A I knew him in China, since I was a boy.
Q Are you any relation to him?
A No, sir; just a friend; he was my old schoolmate.
Q How long have you been in the United States?
A Over 23 years.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes; I left my certificate at the restaurant.
Q What have you been doing since you were in Chicago?
A When I first came to Chicago I was in the laundry business
and afterwards I became a Chinese merchant and failed.
Q When did you fail?
A About one year before I opened a restaurant on S. Clark St.
Q When did you open that restaurant on Clark St.?
A In the same year Sam Moy died (1902); I remember very well
after we came back from Sam Moy's funeral the next day we
opened that restaurant.
Q How long did you continue in business in that restaurant?
A I kept that restaurant open all the time until the last part of
last year, Chinese date, when I sold out to my partners.
Q How much did you get for your interest from your partners?
A \$1800.
Q What did you do with that \$1800?
A When we settled up each one of us lost \$600 besides. That res-
taurant lost money all the time.
Q How did you sell that restaurant out for \$1800 when you lost
money and owed \$600? when you got through?
A When we first opened this restaurant we had four partners alto-
gether. After we ran the restaurant a little while three of
my partners schemed to put me out of business; then I sent
for a man from New York and we bought the other three men out.
We paid them \$1600 cash for this restaurant and we remained
there over a year and a half to two years and lost \$600 each
besides.
Q Then you didn't sell out your interest in that restaurant for
\$1800, did you?
A I haven't sold that restaurant yet. We lost money all the time
and if anyone would pay me \$100 to-day I would sell it to him.
Q Where did you get this \$750 that you put into the restaurant on
63rd St.?
A I borrowed this money from Chow Lung Nie.
Q What security could you give him for this money?
A No security.

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- Q Did you give him a note for it?
A No, sir.
Q Are you going to pay him any interest for it?
A No, sir; no interest.
Q Where did that \$750 change hands? Where did he pass it over to you?
A At the store of Quong Hop Lung, No. 331 S. Clark St., basement.
Q Where did he get the money, do you know?
A I don't know where he got it. All I know is that I asked him to let me have the money and we went to Quong Hop Lung and the bookkeeper gave it to me.
Q When did you borrow it?
A I remember we opened the restaurant on 63d St. in the first part of the second month, this year.
Q When did you borrow the money?
A Chinese date, this year, second month, either first or second day; I think it was the first day.
Q How long before you opened the restaurant did you get the money?
A When I borrowed this money I used part of this money to fix up the restaurant; furniture, etc. We spent about two months to get the place fixed up. I remember we opened the restaurant the same day they opened up White City, on a Saturday.
Q Are you making much money in that restaurant?
A Not very much; just wages.
Q When do you expect to pay this money back to him?
A Just as soon as I can. When he comes back from China I will pay him what I can.
Q Did you put it down in any book when you borrowed the money?
A Yes, sir; I have the book at home.
Q How much money do you think you have lost in Chicago since you have been here?
A I can't tell exactly how much I have lost. We had a store at No. 337 S. Clark St. and lost a good deal of money, and I lost some money with a man named Chow Fook who had a chicken farm at Kenilworth.
Q What kind of money was it he let you have; paper, silver, or gold?
A All bills; paper money.
Q Have you understood all the questions I have asked you?
A Yes, sir.
Q What are the names of your partners in that restaurant?
A Moy Nie Ngim, Wong Bing Sing, Lai Fong, myself, and two other men who don't work in the restaurant but are stockholders.
Q Who are they?
A Chow Li and Yung Fong.

Witness signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) MOY SHUE,
(Signed) WONG ALOY,
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER,

Witness.
Interpreter.
Inspector.

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Witness, CHOW POY, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified in English and Chinese:

(This witness being confined to his home by an accident, his testimony was taken at No. 4040 Dearborn St., Chicago, on October 9, 1905.)

- Q What is your name?
A Chow Poy.
Q What is your business?
A My business meat market now, not before. Before I do laundry, grocery, everything I can do.
Q Where is your place of business, your meat market?
A No. 322 S. Clark; that restaurant.
Q Do you know this man here (showing photo of applicant)?
A Yes, that is Chow Lung Nie, a cousin of mine.
Q How long have you known him?
A Oh, I think he has been here 12 years; ever since he was in Chicago. I have been here about 30 years.
Q Did you know him in China before you came to the United States?
A Yes.
Q Did you ever have any business dealings with him?
A No.
Q Did you ever borrow any money from him?
A I borrowed some money from him to start a laundry and small store at 3705 State St.
Q When was it that you borrowed the money?
A Chinese date, K.S. 28th year, 6th month, 15th day. I don't remember the date exactly. I didn't put it on a book but Chow Lung Nie put it on a book.
Q How much money did you borrow?
A I think it was \$400.
Q Did you give him any note for it, any paper?
A No, he is a good friend of mine and a cousin.
Q Do you pay him any interest?
A No.
Q Have you paid him back any of it yet?
A No.
Q You still owe him \$400?
A Yes; I want to pay him some time but I have a big family and hard work.
Q Where was it that this money was passed over, that this money changed hands?
A Quong Hop Lung Co., 331 S. Clark St., in the basement.
Q Where did he get the money? Do you know where he had the money?
A I don't know where he kept this money but I asked him a few days before the money, and he made the date with me.
Q What kind of money was it; paper, silver, or gold?
A I can not remember exactly, but most of it was bills and some silver, but no gold.
Q How long did you borrow this before you started the meat store?
A Between a year and a half and two years before I opened the meat market.

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- Q How long did you borrow it before you started your laundry?
A The Chinese doctor, Don Sang, agreed to let me have some goods on credit for the store and I borrowed this money to fix up the store in shape for the stock, and after I did so Dr. Don Sang wanted me to go back to work for him and as I found it was too hard work to run the laundry and keep the store too, I went back to work for Dr. Don Sang and my wife and myself went to work together for \$100.00 for both and he also supported my children, and I worked there three and Dr. Don Sang died. I kept the store from 3 to 4 months before I went to work for Dr. Don Sang.
- Q When do you expect to pay this money back?
A This man has been very good to me and given me a chance to pay him, and I will as soon as I can, but I have a big family on hand and send the children to school.

Witness being confined to his bed by an accident, was unable to sign his testimony.

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April 27, 1906.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
CHOW LUNG NIE, :
Lab. Ret. : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Witness, MOY SHOW, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Moy Show or Moy Jung Show.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of Chow Lung Nie)?
A Yes, it is Chow Lung Nie.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes, \$750, the same as when he went away.
Q Has there been any change in this debt since he went away?
A No, it remains the same.
Q When will you pay it?
A When I borrowed this money I agreed to pay him when I could,
and when he went away I said I would try to pay him after his
return.

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April 30, 1906.

Q Witness, CHARLIE POY, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Charlie Poy.
Q Do you know this man (showing photograph of Chow Lung Nie)?
A Yes, it is Chow Lung Nie.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A Yes, \$400.
Q Have you paid any part of that debt since he went to China?
A No.
Q Has there been any change in this obligation since his departure?
A No, there has been no change.
Q When do you expect to pay him?
A After his return when I get on my feet again I will pay him.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter? A Yes, sir.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

November 6, 1905.

L. T. Plummer,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

A Chinese laborer, Chow Lung Nie of Chicago, who was granted a return certificate, departed through this port on October 26th. He did not present a duplicate paper on his arrival here, stating that he had left the same at the office of the Quong Hop Lung Co., No. 831 So. Clark St., having forgotten it in the hurry of his departure.

I would appreciate it very much if you would call at the office of the above-named company and, if possible, secure Chow Lung Nie's duplicate paper and forward it to this office at your earliest convenience, as it is necessary that the same accompany the weekly report required by the Bureau.

Respectfully,

Ansel W. Gaine
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR IN CHARGE
PORTAL, N. DAK.

October 14, 1905.

L. T. Plummer,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

I beg leave to acknowledge receipt of papers in the application of Chow Lung Nie, together with your investigation of the case and his laborer's certificate.

Owing to your favorable report, a return certificate will be granted him upon application at this port.

I note by your letter that you will hand his duplicate paper to him to present to me here. You will please notify him that if he is to sail on the boat which leaves Vancouver on October 30th, he must arrive here not later than Thursday morning, October 26th.

Respectfully,

Ansel W. Gaine

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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