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## 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 8, 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 thereto.

I HEREBY DECLARE that I am a Chinese Laborer, duly registered as such, under the act of Congress approved May 5, 1892, 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 Second District of New York, at the city of New York in said district, dated April 3, 1894, and numbered 121558.



NAME:-CHIN CHONG. PRESENT AGE:- Thirty-eight years

LOCAL RESIDENCE:-346 South Clark St. (Second floor)  
Chicago Illinois.

OCCUPATION:-Restaurateur, 291 Clark St. Chicago IL

HEIGHT:- Five (5) feet Six (6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and one half inchesPHYSICAL MARKS or Peculiarities for Identification:  
Scar left side of Forehead.

COLOR of EYES:-Brown. COMPLEXION:- Light.

I CLAIM TO POSSESS the property and debts described below:

DEBTS aggregating at least One Thousand Dollars (\$1000.00) which are unsettled and unascertained and not covered in whole or in part by promissory note or other evidence of ascertained liability, viz:

Payable by one WONG MI, Laundryman, of "Jim Lee Laundry" No. 450 North Clark Street, Chicago Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Four Hundred and ~~50~~ (\$400.00) Dollars.

Payable by one CHAN SAM, Restaurateur, of "Lee & Chin" Restaurant, No. 236 North Clark Street, Chicago Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars.

I HEREBY AGREE that none of such property and debt 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 intend to depart from the United States at the sub-port of Portal, 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 within twelve months thereafter.

WHEREFORE I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST a Certificate of my right to return to the United States. Dated at Chicago, Illinois Nov 17 1905

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Subscribed and sworn to, by the above named CHIN CHONG, at the city of Chicago, in the county of Cook and state of Illinois, this 17 day of November A.D. 1905, before me,

*L. J. Plummer*  
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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CHICAGO, November 20, 1905.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.  
 CHIN CHONG, : Wong Aloy, Interpreter.  
 Dep. Lab. : D. Arthur Plumly, Stenographer.

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?  
 A Chin Chong.  
 Q How old are you?  
 A 38 years old.  
 Q How long have you been in the United States?  
 A I came when I was little. I don't remember how long ago.  
 Q How long have you been in Chicago?  
 A 6 years.  
 Q Have you a wife, parent, or child in this country?  
 A No.  
 Q Have you any property in this country?  
 A No.  
 Q Upon what do you base your right to a return certificate?  
 A That people here owe me money.  
 Q Who is there here that owes you money?  
 A Chin Sam and Wong Mi.  
 Q How much does Chin Sam owe you?  
 A \$600.00.  
 Q When did you borrow it?  
 A I don't remember the exact time, but it was last year near Xmas.  
 Q Did he borrow this money all at one time?  
 A Yes, sir.  
 Q Where did the loan take place?  
 A At the restaurant Joy Yet Lo, 291 S. Clark St., Chicago.  
 Q Were you working there at the time?  
 A Yes, sir. I used to own an interest in that restaurant, but  
     I sold out the first of this year on account of my health.  
 Q How long did you work in that restaurant?  
 A I was with them since they opened the business until the first  
     of this year.  
 Q How much of an interest did you have in it?  
 A \$200.00.  
 Q Did you own this interest all the time that you worked there?  
 A Not when I first worked for them. I put the money in afterwards.  
 Q Where did you get the money that you loaned Chin Sam?  
 A I worked in the restaurant and saved it, and also got dividends.  
 Q What did Chin Sam borrow the money for?  
 A To start a restaurant.  
 Q Where?  
 A No. 236 North Clark St., Chicago.  
 Q How much money did he put into that restaurant?  
 A I should judge it was between \$800 and \$1,000.  
 Q Does he own that restaurant himself or has he a partner?  
 A Another partner besides him.  
 Q How much did the other partner put into the business?  
 A I should judge the other partner owns one-third and Chin Sam  
     two-thirds.  
 Q Where did you have this money at the time you passed it over to  
     him; in a bank or in your trunk?  
 A I had the money in my trunk.  
 Q Did Chin Sam give you a note for the money?  
 A No note, as I borrowed money from him before and he did not ask  
     me for a note.  
 Q Does he pay you any interest?  
 A No, sir; no interest.

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- Q Has he paid you back any of the money he borrowed?  
A No, sir.  
Q When do you expect him to pay you back?  
A When I come back to this country.  
Q When did Wong Mi borrow money from you?  
A The first part of this year. He borrowed this money to buy a laundry.  
Q Where?  
A No. 450 North Clark St., Chicago.  
Q Did he borrow this money to buy a laundry with or to start one?  
A To buy it.  
Q How much did he pay for it?  
A \$570.00.  
Q How much did he borrow from you?  
A \$400.00.  
Q It says here \$450.00 (referring to application)?  
A It must be a mistake by my Interpreter when I made my application.  
It was only \$400.00.  
Q Do you want me to correct your application to read \$400.00 instead of \$450.00, as it now reads?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Where did he (Wong Mi) get the other \$170.00?  
A He must have had it himself; I don't know where he got it.  
Q Does he pay you any interest for the money?  
A No, sir.  
Q Did he give you a note for it?  
A No, sir; we put it on our books.  
Witness here produced an account book containing a great many accounts ranging from \$26 to \$465, and the Interpreter read: "K.S. 30th year, 12th month, 15th day, Chin Sam borrowed from me \$600. K. S. 31st year, 2nd month, 2nd day Wong Mi borrowed from me \$400."  
Q Do you know when Wong Mi bought that laundry?  
A All I know is that he bought it when he borrowed the money from me, and I know that he worked up there for a year before he bought it.  
Q Where did you get the money that you loaned him?  
A I made this money in the restaurant, as I said before; worked for it and saved it, and got dividends from my interest.  
Q Where did you keep it? In the Bank?  
A I put it in Mr. Layman's bank (Illinois Trust and Savings Bank), and I also have some money there now and expect to get a draft before I leave.  
Q How does it happen that you had the \$600.00 that you loaned Chin Sam in your trunk?  
A I have a box in the Savings Bank and I had this money from the bank for two or three days before I loaned it to Chin Sam.  
Q When do you expect Wong Mi to pay you?  
A I don't know when, but he promised to pay me when I come back to this country.  
Q Are these debts actual, bona fide debts, or are they debts that you have trumped up so as to go back to China and return?  
A They are bona fide debts; all true debts.  
Q Suppose you should die in China; what would happen to this money?  
A Both of these men lived near where I did in China before, and before I leave here for China I will make them sign their names on my book, and if anything happens to me my people can collect the money from their people.  
Q Have you understood Wong Aloy?  
A Yes.

Witness signed in Chinese:

(Signed) CHIN CHONG,  
(Signed) WONG ALOY,  
(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER,

Applicant.  
Interpreter.  
Inspector.

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

- Q What is your name?  
A Wong Mi.  
Q What is your occupation?  
A Laundryman.  
Q Where is your laundry?  
A No. 450 North Clark St., Chicago.  
Q How long have you owned that laundry?  
A I have lived in that laundry altogether a little over two years,  
but I bought it the first part of this year.  
Q When did you buy it?  
A I can not give you the exact date. I think it was the last  
part of the third month or the first part of the fourth month  
this month.  
Q Who did you buy it of?  
A I bought it from Wong Hoon.  
Q What did you pay for it?  
A \$400.00.  
Q Do you know this man here (showing photo of applicant)?  
A Yes, sir; that is Chin Chong.  
Q He says that you paid \$570.00 for that laundry. What have you  
to say to that?  
A I borrowed \$400.00 from him to buy the laundry with.  
Q How much did you pay for the laundry?  
A I mean to say that the whole laundry cost me \$570.00, but I  
only borrowed \$400.00 from Chin Chong.  
Q Are you registered?  
A Yes, sir.  
(Witness produced original certificate of residence  
No. 10791, issued to Wong Mi at Brooklyn, N.Y., March 29,  
1894.)  
Q How long have you known Chin Chong?  
A I have known him a long time. I knew him in China. We lived  
close together in China.  
Q Where did this loan of \$400.00 take place?  
A At the restaurant of Joy Yet Lo.  
Q When?  
A I don't remember the exact date, but I remember I borrowed it  
to buy a laundry with.  
Q How long before you bought the laundry did you borrow the money?  
A A few days before I bought the laundry.  
Q Where did he get the money?  
A I don't know where he got the money. All I know is that he  
came out and handed it to me.  
Q Did you give him a note for it?  
A No, sir.  
Q Do you pay him any interest?  
A No, sir.  
Q If he should die in China what would happen to that money?  
A In case he died I wouldn't skin him out of it. I knew him in  
China and knew his people, and if I didn't send it to them  
I would go back to China and pay it to his folks.  
Q Haven't you paid him back any part of it yet?  
A No, sir, I have not paid him any yet. He has been very good to  
me, because our folks knew each other and we knew each other  
in China and played together, and he has been a good friend  
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Q Do you think that is any reason for your not paying him back, because he is a good friend to you?

A No, sir; but my folks in China are very poor and as fast as I earn money I send it to them in China, and for that reason I have delayed paying him.

Q When do you expect to pay him back?

A I will return it to him as soon as he comes back to this country, because I had a talk with him last night and he wanted me to keep this money until he comes back so he can have a start.

Q Do you make any money in your laundry?

A Yes, about my wages.

Q Did you put this debt down in your book?

A No, sir; I did not put it down in my book because such a big debt as this I could never forget.

Q Have you understood the Interpreter, Wong Aloy?

A Yes, sir.

Witness signed in English:

(Signed) WONG MI, Witness.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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Witness, CHIN SAM, testified (mostly in English):

Q What is your name?

A Chin Sam.

Q What is your business?

A My business? Chop Suey.

Q Where is your restaurant?

A No. 236 North Clark St., Chicago.

Q How long have you owned that restaurant?

A The restaurant this year.

Q You bought the restaurant this year?

A Yes, sir.

(Witness produced original certificate of residence No. 122266 issued to Chin Sam at New York, N.Y., April 16, 1894.)

Q Do you know this man here?

A Yes; Chin Chong.

Q How long have you known him?

A Oh, I knew him long. He is my cousin. We lived near each other in China. I know his father well.

Q Did you borrow any money from him at the time you opened this restaurant?

A Yes; I asked him and he loaned me some money.

Q How much?

A \$600.00.

Q Did you give him any note for it?

A No, sir; no note given, as we are cousins and trust each other.

Q Do you pay him any interest?

A No, sir; no interest.

Q Where did this loan take place?

A I forgot the number of the restaurant; it is the same place where he used to work.

Q Do you remember the name of the restaurant?

A Joy Yet Lo restaurant.

Q How much money did you put into this restaurant besides the \$600.00?

A The whole thing cost \$1100; my partner put in \$300 and I put in about \$800.

Q Then you didn't have much money of your own at the time you opened this restaurant?

A No, sir.

Q Suppose he should die in China or never come back?

A Oh, I send it back. We go home it is just the same. We lived there together and when I go back I will pay him. I know the mother and the wife and all of them.

Q Did you put down in your book or anywhere when you borrowed this money?

A No, sir; I didn't put it on my book, as it was such a big amount that I would never forget it, and we knew each other well and let it go that way.

Q When was it that you borrowed this money?

A I don't remember the exact date, but I remember it was in the Holidays the last part of last year.

Q Did you borrow it all at one time or make two or three different loans?

A All at one time, as I needed it then.

Q Did he give you a check or cash?

A He gave me cash money.

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- Q Where did he get the money; from the bank or his trunk?  
A He worked in Joy Yet Lo for three or four years; he was the chief cook and earned about \$75 a month.  
Q Do you know whether he had the money in the bank or in his trunk?  
A I don't know. I just know he was working and I asked him and he let me have the money.

Witness signed in English:

(Signed) CHIN SAM, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.