

SUBJECT: _____

No. 152

WHEREAS, MOY YOKE,

herewith attached,

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whose photograph is
is about to depart
States, temporarily,
China with the inten-
into the United States
of resuming his pres-
a Merchant therein; and

WHEREAS, the said MOY YOKE is lawfully entitled to so return into the United States for the said purpose, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved May 5, 1892, as amended by the Act of November 3, 1893, and the Convention of December 8, 1894, between the United States of America and the Empire of China, which provide as follows, to-wit:-

"A merchant is a person engaged in buying and selling merchandise at a fixed place of business, which business is conducted in his name, and who, during the time he claims to be engaged as a merchant does not engage in the performance of any manual labor, except such as is necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant."
"When an application is made by a Chinaman for entrance into the United States on the ground that he was formerly engaged in this country as a merchant, he shall establish by the testimony of two credible witnesses other than Chinese the fact that he conducted such business as hereinbefore defined for at least one year before his departure from the United States, and that during such year he was not engaged in the performance of any manual labor, except such as was necessary in the conduct of his business as such merchant; and in default of such proof shall be refused landing." (Act of Congress approved November 3, 1893, amending the Act of May 5, 1892.)

"The provisions of this convention shall not affect the right at present enjoyed of Chinese subjects, being officials, teachers, students, merchants, or travellers for curiosity or pleasure, but not laborers, of coming into the United States and remaining therein." (Convention of Dec. 8, 1894, between the United States and China.)

NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said MOY YOKE, and in order to facilitate his re-entry into the United States upon his said return hereto for the said purpose,

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States, and residents of the City of Chicago, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, do

has been a reputable resident Chinese merchant of the said City of Chicago, and neither a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said MOY YOKE has been a member of the firm of Chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "TAI WAH CO.", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Clothing, Drugs, Fancy-Goods and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise, at No. 303 South Clark Street, Chicago aforesaid.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said MOY YOKE has been so engaged in buying and selling merchandise, at the said fixed place of business under the said trade-name and style of the said firm of which he is a member; and that during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said MOY YOKE has not been engaged in the performance of manual labor, skilled or unskilled, of any kind, except such as has been necessary in the conduct of his said business as such merchant as aforesaid.

AND WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, ~~stating~~ the said trade-name and style is arbitrary and fanciful, and does not indicate the names of the members of the said firm or of any of them; and that such use of such trade-names and styles is customary amongst Chinese and other merchants generally in the said City of Chicago, and elsewhere throughout the United States so far as we are aware.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, October 30, 1899.

(DESCRIPTION OF MOY YOKE:-) (Signed) Arthur Huntley
() North Trust Bank
(AGE:-Thirty (30) Years.) Chicago, Illinois.
(HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 5 & 1/2 In.) (Signed) Richard L. Crampin
(Scar over Right Ear.) North Trust Bank
***** Chicago, Illinois.

11/1. 1899

May Yoke, said to be of the Tai Wah & Co
303 Clark St., personally appeared before me
today and made the following statement:

How long have you been in the U.S.? 16 yrs.
In what business are you engaged? Run a small bus-
iness with the Tai Wah & Co

How long have you been a member of that
firm? About 3 yrs

How much money have you invested in that
co? \$1100.00

~~Have you been engaged~~

What part of the business did you attend to in
connection with this firm? Waiting on customers
assisting in crating goods for shipment part of
city etc

Have you been engaged as a laundryman
during the last year? No

May Yoke speaks very little English.

In my absence the collector signed his official
signature across back and I added the date
with my initials

May Yoke in addition to interest in
store receives a salary of \$50.00 per month as a
salary

J. M. Dinkshin
Chinese Inspector