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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 pro-
claimed 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 reg-
ulate the residence within the United States, its Territories and all
territory under its jurisdiction, and the District of Columbia, of Chi-
nese persons and persons of Chinese descent", approved April 29, 1902,
and the Rules and Regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury in con-
formity therewith.

I HEREBY DECLARE That I am a Chinese Laborer, duly registered as such under the act of Congress approved 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 Third District of Massachusetts, at the City of Boston in said district, on the 3d day of May, 1894, and is numbered "128,324".

MY PRESENT DESCRIPTION IS AS FOLLOWS:

NAME:- C H A R L E S C H I N.

AGE:-Thirty-Nine Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 6-1/4 In., In American Shoes.

RESIDENCE:-c/o Sam Lung Co., 299 Clark st., Chicago,
Illinois.
OCCUPATION:-Laundryman.

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EYES:-Dark Brown. COMPLEXION:-Dark.

Large, shallow scar about left temple.



CLAIM TO POSSESS THE PROPERTY AND DEBTS BELOW:

~~for me to~~ PROPERTY:-None, except the debt described below
and Money in hand.

DEBT:-Payable by one Suey Chung, Merchant, of No.327 Clark street, in
the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, for money
loaned, the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

I HEREBY AGREE THAT None of such debt shall be diverted, transferred or collected during my absence; and that the above-described claim shall remain as it now exists until my return to the United States.

I intend to depart from the United States at the port of San Francisco, in the State of California, one month from the date hereof, or as soon hereafter as I may, and to return to the United States, at the same port of San Francisco, within twelve months thereafter.

WHEREFORE, I respectfully request a Certificate of my right to return to the United States.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, May 11 1906.

Subscribed and sworn to, at Chicago,
Illinois, this 11 day of May,
A.D., 1906, before me.

, Illinois, May 11

inois, this 11 day of May,
1906, before me.

Oklahoma Settlers & Immigrant Inspector

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CHICAGO

May 14, 1906.

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

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Charley Chin.
 Q What is your Chinese name?
 A Chin Hong; I am of the Chin family.
 Q Where were you born? A China.
 Q When did you come to the United States the first time?
 A 24 or 25 years ago; I don't remember which.
 Q Upon what do you base your right to return to the United States?
 A On the ground that people in this country owe me money.
 Q Who owe you money?
 A My cousin Sue Chung.
 Q What is his Chinese name? A Chin Soon Dai.
 Q How does he get the name of Sue Chung?
 A He owns a business down in the basement at 327 S.Clark St., Chicago, and the firm name is Sue Chung.
 Q Is he the only owner of that place?
 A He is the owner of that store.
 Q And is he the only debtor you have on this application?
 A I loaned ~~me~~ the \$1,000.00 direct to this man. I loaned him \$1,100.00 first and he paid me \$100.00 and still owes me \$1,000.00, which he agreed to pay me back on my return to this country.
 Q How did he happen to owe you \$1,100.00?
 A He used this money in this business.
 Q Where?
 A Sue Chung, 327 S.Clark St., in the basement.
 Q When did you lend him this money?
 A K.S. 31st year, 4th month; I don't remember the day.
 Q Where did the money pass over?
 A At his place of business, 327 S.Clark St.
 Q How long have you been in Chicago?
 A I come to Chicago twice a year but this trip I have been here three months now.
 Q Where were you living when you made this trip to Chicago?
 A Marianna, Florida.
 Q How long have you lived down there?
 A Two years; I lived in Boston before that and in Waltham.
 Q How long have you known Chin Soon Dai?
 A We lived in the same village and I knew him in China.
 Q Did you lend him this \$1,100.00 all at one time?
 A All at one time, and he returned back \$100.00 since I have been here on this last trip.
 Q Did he give you any note for the money? A No.
 Q Does he pay you any interest for the money? A No.
 Q Did you put it down on any book? A No.
 Q How does it happen that you haven't made any note or memorandum of this transaction?
 A Because we are cousins and know each other very well.

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- Q At the time you loaned him this money he was already engaged in business at 327 S.Clark St., wasn't he?
- A He has been in that business for two or three years now.
- Q Well, what did he want with this money?
- A He wanted to use it to buy some goods for the store.
- Q Where did you get this money?
- A I earned it in the laundry.
- Q Where did you have this money; in a bank?
- A I had it in my trunk before I came here and when I arrived here I took it out, put it in my pocket and gave it to him.
- Q What security have you for that debt?
- A No security, only cousinship and trust.
- Q Did he put this account down in any book?
- A Not that I know of.
- Q Is this an honest debt or is it one that you have trumped up for the purpose of allowing you to make this trip?
- A It is a true, honest debt.
- Q When do you expect it will be paid?
- A He agreed to pay me when I come back, but I don't know when he will.
- Q Does he owe anybody else besides you?
- A I don't know that.
- Q Do you own any property in Marianna, Fla.?
- A No, sir; I haven't anything there.
- Q Have you a laundry?
- A No, sir; I had one but I sold it.
- Q Have you understood the Interpreter, Wong Aloy?
- A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHARLES CHIN, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Witness, CHIN SOON DAI, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name? A Chin Soon Dai.
Q Have you any other name besides that? A Yes; Sue Chung.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes, sir; my certificate is at the store.
Q Where is your store? A 327 S.Clark St., basement.
Q What is the name of it? A Sue Chung.
Q How long have you had that store there?
A I have been in this place two or three years; I was formerly across the street.
Q How long have you been at your present number?
A Since a year ago last October, Chinese date. I moved in the 9th or 10th month.
Q Do you know this man here (showing photograph of applicant)?
A Yes; Charley Chin.
Q What is his Chinese name?
A Chin Soon Tew; he is also known as Chin Hong.
Q Do you owe him any money?
A I owe him \$1,100 but since he came back I paid him \$100.
Q When did you borrow \$1,100 of him?
A Last year; Chinese date, 3rd or 4th month.
Q Do you remember the day of the month?
A No, sir; I don't remember the day of the month.
Q Didn't you put the transaction down in any book? A No, sir.
Q Did you borrow that \$1,100 all at one time? A All at one time.
Q What did you borrow it for? A To put in the business.
Q But you were already in business at that time; what did you want with that \$1,100?
A I wanted to make an addition to the business.
Q How much of that money did you invest in the addition?
A \$1,100 to \$1,200.
Q Didn't you have any money of your own? A A little bit.
Q When did you pay him back the \$100?
A Four or five days ago.
Q Have you any receipt for that? A No.
Q Hasn't he any evidence of the fact that you owe him \$1,000 except your statement and his?
A No, sir; that is the only thing he has.
Q How does that happen?
A Because we are cousins, and that is why we didn't put it on our books.
Q Have you any other cousins that you owe money to? A No.
Q How many partners have you in your business down there?
A Only myself.
Q How much money have you invested? A Between \$1200 and \$1300.
Q Well, you had been in this business for a year or more at the time you borrowed this money? A Yes.
Q Well, what was the business worth at the time you borrowed this money? A Between \$100 and \$200.
Q Well, you must have made a considerable addition to your business when you borrowed this money of Charley Chin?
A Yes, sir; I added \$1100 or \$1200 to it.

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- Q What security has Charley Chin? A No security.
Q What would you do with this ~~xxx~~ loan if Charley Chin never came back to this country?
A If I knew for sure that he would never come back I would send it back to China.
Q Is this a true debt or is it one that you have trumped ~~f~~ up for the purpose of allowing Charley Chin to make this trip?
A Yes, I am sure I borrowed this money from him.
Q Where was he living when you borrowed the money from him?
A Outside of Chicago but I can't call the name of the town, as I don't speak good English.
Q How did Charley Chin know that you wanted the money?
A He came to visit me here in Chicago.
Q How long did he visit you here in Chicago?
A 15 or 20 days.
Q Do you pay him any interest for that money? A No.
Q Did you give him any note for it? A No.
Q When do you expect to pay it?
A Just as soon as he comes back from China.
Q Where did you get the \$100 that you paid him back?
A I had this money in the store.
Q Did you make it in the store?
A I made it in the store.
Q Have you understood the Interpreter, Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.

The witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) CHIN SOON DAT, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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RE-EXAMINATION.

CHICAGO

May 24, 1906.

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

Witness, CHIN SOON DAI, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Chin Soon Dai or Sue Chung.
 Q When did you borrow this money of Charley Chin?
 A Last year, Chinese date, between the third and fourth months.
 Q When did you move into this place at 327 S.Clark St.?
 A 15 or 16 months ago.
 Q What date was it?
 A K.S. 30th year, between the 10th and 11th months.
 Q Where were you before that?
 A 332 S.Clark St., basement.
 Q What were you doing?
 A Small vegetable business.
 Q Did you have a team?
 A Yes, I had a horse and wagon.
 Q When you moved from 332 to 327 S. Clark St., how much money did you spend in the move?
 A Between \$180 and \$190 for repairs, lights, and expressman.
 Q Did you have to pay anything for the location?
 A Yes, I paid \$260 for it.
 Q Cash?
 A No, sir; I paid some and got credit for some.
 Q How much cash did you pay?
 A \$110 cash.
 Q When did you borrow this money of Charley Chin?
 A I can not give you the exact date but it was K.S. 31, between the third and fourth months.
 Q At that time you had been in this store between 5 and 6 months?
 A Yes, sir; 5 or 6 months.
 Q Did you have any goods in your store at that time?
 A Very little.
 Q How much are the goods in your store worth now?
 A Between \$300 and \$400.
 Q When you borrowed this \$1100 of Charley Chin, what did you do with it?
 A Before I borrowed this money from Charley Chin I was in debt some and when I borrowed that money I paid those debts and what I had left over I used to buy goods for the store.
 Q Where did you get the money that you fitted up the store with when you moved?
 A I borrowed it from other friends.
 Q Did you pay this money back out of the money that you borrowed from Charley Chin?
 A Yes, sir.
 Q Did you pay up the \$170 that was still due on your location?
 A Yes, sir.
 Q What did you do for business from the time that you went into there until you bought those goods?
 A I did very little vegetable business; sometimes I had some and sometimes I didn't, and when I didn't have any money I borrowed from friends.

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- Q Where is your team?
A I sold the horse; I have the wagon in a livery stable now.
Q When did you sell the horse?
A K.S. 31st year, 10th month.
Q How much did you get for the horse?
A \$40.00.
Q When did you begin doing business enough in that store to make a living?
A I can not make expenses now but I think I will when the warm weather starts. I will get a horse and start in the vegetable business again.
Q But you will have to buy a horse?
A Yes, I will have to buy a horse.
Q Do you ^{owe} anybody any money besides Charley Chin?
A No, sir; no one but Charley Chin.
Q Have you paid up all your debts with the money that you borrowed from Charley Chin?
A Yes, sir.
Q Where did you get this \$100 that you paid back?
A It was money I had on hand from selling goods in the store.
Q But you were not paying expenses. How could you take money out of the store and pay Charley Chin?
A I couldn't afford to pay him but I made a sacrifice in order to help him go to China.
Q Is this debt and honest debt?
A Yes, sir; it is a true debt.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes.

Witness signed his testimony in Chinese:

(Signed) CHIN SOON DAI, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Charley Chin or Chin Hong.
Q How did you happen to lend this man so much money without any note, or any paper, or anything to show for it?
A Because we knew each other ~~in~~ since boyhood in China and we lived in the same village in China, and when I came from the South to Chicago he told me his hard-luck story and asked me to help him out in his business, and so out of trust and cousinship I let him have this money and didn't take any note.
Q When do you expect to get any of this money back?
A He told me that after I come back from China by that time he may be on his feet and make some money, and if he can't he will sacrifice himself and sell his business or borrow money from other friends to pay me back.
Q Didn't you know that he was a good deal in debt at the time you let him have the money?
A I didn't know he was in debt at the time I let him have this money because I just came from the South, and when I knew him in China he was a good, honest fellow, and that is why I let him have this money.
Q Now, as a matter of fact, does this man owe you this \$1,000.00 or any amount of money, or isn't this debt a story you are getting up so you can go back to China?
A It is a real, honest, true debt; and what is it worth to me to make up this story?
Q Well, it would allow you to go to China?
A No; it isn't that, because this man really owes me this money. I wouldn't manufacture a debt on that account.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English:

(Signed) CHARLES CHIN, Applicant.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

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Chicago, Ill. December 14, 1906.

CHARLES CHIN, RETURNING LABORER.

Ward E. Thompson, Inspector.

Wong Aloy, Interpreter.

Seuy Chung, Witness. (Sworn)

Q. What is your name?

A. Suey Chung.

Q. What is your business?

A. I am a pedler.

Q. Do you recognize this protograph?

A. Yes that is Charles Chin.

Q. Do you still owe him any money?

A. Yes, I still owe him \$1100.00.

Q. Have you paid him any of this money since he went to China?

A. No I have not paid him any.

Q. Does this debt remain the same as it did when he went to China?

A. The debt remains exactly the same as it did when he went away.

Q. When do you intend to pay this debt?

A. I will pay him as soon as I can after he gets here.

Q. Have you understood the Interpreter?

A. Yes.

(Signed)-- Suey Chung.

" Ward E. Thompson, Inspector.

" Wong Aloy, Interpreter.