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No. 663

In re.
LAM BON,
 of
 "QUONG YUEN CHUNG KEE" CO.
 Merchants,
 No. 321 So. Clark st.,
 Chicago, Ill's,
 U. S. A.

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AGE:-Forty One Years.

HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 4-1/2 In.

Three-Inch Scar Right Side
 of Neck.

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The United States of America. }
 Northern District of Illinois. } ss.
 Eastern Division. }



WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, Citizens of the United States and residents of the City of Chicago and vicinity, in the County of Cook and State of Illinois, Do Hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the above-described LAM BON for upwards of one year last past, during which time he 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 LAM BON has been a member of the firm of chinese merchants trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "QUONG YUEN CHUNG KEE", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Groceries, Provisions, Clothing, Drugs and general chinese and japanese merchandise at No. 321 Clark street, Chicago aforesaid; that the said concern was organized at least fifteen years ago (Then under the name of "Quong Yuen" at No. 292 Clark street) and that the said LAM Bon has been a member thereof since the organization thereof.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That during the said year of our acquaintance with him the said LAM BON has been 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 LAM BON 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.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY That the foregoing photograph, hereunto affixed, is a true and correct likeness of the said LAM BON; and that the foregoing description is a true description of the person of the said Lam Bon.

WE have been credibly informed that the said LAM BON has a financial interest of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) in said firm, and as we verily believe, that is true. From our frequent visits to the said place of business and our general acquaintance with the various members of said concern, we have become well satisfied that the said Lam Bon is actively engaged in the business of the said firm, exercises a voice in the management of the business and affairs of the said "Quong Yuen Chung Kee", enjoys his proper share of the profits thereof, and is a bona fide member thereof.

Dated, at Chicago, Illinois, June 8, 1908.

A. L. Herison

(Address) 3-15 State St
Chicago, Illinois.

N. L. Dana

(Address) 159 W. Ball St
Chicago, Illinois.

Charles B. Wright
For Jackson Bldg

The United States of America. }
Northern District of Illinois. } 2001
Eastern Division.

By Mark A. Foster, United States Commissioner for the Northern District of Illinois, do hereby certify that I am acquainted with A. L. Herison, N. L. Dana, Charles B. Wright, the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate and affidavit, that they are not citizens of the United States of America, and that they are citizens of the City of Chicago and residents of the Northern District of Illinois; that they are reputable persons; and that in my opinion they are not persons who are known to be engaged in the business of the said firm.

APPLICATION FOR ENDORSEMENT OF ACCOMPANYING AFFIDAVITS UNDER RULE
25, REGULATIONS OF FEBRUARY 5, 1906.

Chicago, Ill., June 8, 1908.

To

LORENZO T. PLUMMER, ESQ.,

Chinese Inspector in charge,

Chicago, Illinois.

Sir:

My name is LAM BON. I am a native and subject of China; a Merchant and member of "QUONG YUEN CHUNG KEE", of No. 321 Clark street, Chicago, Illinois, where I reside.

I was a Salesman in San Francisco, California, from the time I arrived in the United States, in the 7th K.S., until the 18th K.S; and have resided in Chicago ever since. I have visited China two times during my said residence in the United States: (I) On or about the 10th day of the 10th month, 20th K.S., I sailed from the port of San Francisco aboard the steamship "Belgie"; and returned in the 22d K.S. by the way of Portal, North Dakota. (II) In the 27th K.S. I went, and in the 28th K.S. returned via Portal.

In 1893, with my brother, Lam Chee, and others, I organized the firm of "Quong Yuen", Chinese Merchants, at No. 292 Clark street, Chicago, Ill., and I have been a member of said concern during its various re-organizations, continuously, ever since. Said concern is now located at No. 321 Clark street, is ~~now~~ doing business under the name and style of "QUONG YUEN CHUNG KEE", and my share and interest therein is worth reasonably and at least Twenty Five Hundred Dollars (\$2500.00).

I desire to re-visit China again and to return upon the completion of my visit to resume my present residence, occupation and status in the United States.

I hope to be accompanied by my minor son when I return.

Wherefore, I transmit herewith the affidavits of two credible witnesses other than Chinese, and pray that the same may be endorsed as provided by proper Regulation.

Very respectfully,

Lam Bon

321 Clark st., Chicago, Ill.

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PORT OF Port of N. D.

March 4, 1909

Lam Bon, c/o Him Yick & Co.,
30 Wing Lock Street, Hong Kong.

Sir:

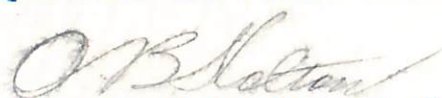
Replying to your request for an ad interim investigation of your case prior to your intended return from China, I have to advise that such investigation has been made, and the report thereof is favorable. You will, therefore, be permitted to reenter the United States through this port, provided you do not, on your arrival here, controvert any of the statements contained in your application.

Respectfully,

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Chinese Inspector in Charge

OFFICIAL COPY respectfully furnished L. T. Plummer, Chinese Inspector in Charge, Chicago, acknowledging receipt of his letter of the 1st instant, No. 663, enclosing therewith all papers in the above titled case.



Chinese Inspector in Charge

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Chinese Inspector,
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

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No. 663.

522, Commercial National Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO March 1st, 1909.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Examining Inspector.
LAM BON, :
Merchant returning. : W. B. Calksin, Stenographer.

Witness, LIM S. LETT, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name? A. Lim Sher Lett.
Q You are the manager of the firm of Quo ng Yuen Chung Kee,
321 So. Clark St., are you not? A. Yes sir.
Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)
A. Yes sir, it is Lam Bon.
Q Does he still have the same interest in your firm that
he did at the time he left this country? A. Yes sir.
Q What is that interest? A. \$2,500.00.
Q Is your store in substantially the same condition as it
was at that time? A. Yes sir.
Q Do you do the same amount of business that you did then?
A. Same amount of business.
Q When Lam Bon comes back, will he come back into the store?
A. Yes.
Q Have you understood my questions? A. Yes sir.

Witness signed his name in both English and Chinese.

(Signed) Lim S. Lett, b Witness.

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(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

July 8th, 1908.

Mr. O. B. Holton,
Chinese Inspector in Charge,
Portal, North Dakota.

Sir:-

I hand you herewith the papers in the case of LAM BON, a merchant of this city who desires to visit China and return to the United States.

I enclose the sworn statements of the two white witnesses upon the regular forms used. I regard them both as credible witnesses.

I have examined the applicant and also Lim S. Lett, one of the managers of this firm of Quong Yuen Chung Kee Co. and enclose a transcript of the notes taken. I am of the opinion that the statement of the applicant and that of the manager as to the value of goods on hand at the present time, is reasonable. This firm is one of the leading Chinese firms of Chicago and does a good business, principally among the Chinese. Its bona fide members, are, in my opinion entitled to the privileges of merchants.

This applicant with his brother, Lam Chee, who is now dead, was one of the founders of this firm; and since I have been in Chicago, a little over five years, he has been continually engaged in its business. I am satisfied that for considerably more than the required year, he had done no manual labor except such as was

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incident to the business of the firm. I would therefore recommend that he be granted the privilege which he requests.

As he desires to leave for China on the boat sailing from Vancouver July 15th, I will hand one copy of his papers to Lam Bon trusting that you will act favorably upon my report.

Respectfully,

(Signed) L. T. Plummer.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

522, Commercial Nat'l Bk. Bldg. CHICAGO July 7th, 1908.

Case of : L. T. Plummer, Inspector.
LAM BON, : J.G.C. Longchallon, Interpreter.
Mer. departing. : W. B. Calkins, Stenographer.

Witness, LIM S. LETT, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:
(In English)

Q What is your name?

A Lim S. Lett.

Q You are the manager of the firm of Quong Yuen Chung Kee,
321 So. Clark St., are you not?

A Yes sir.

Q Has there been any change in the partnership since the
list was furnished me October 1st, 1906?

A No sir.

Q What would say is the value of the goods that your firm
has on hand at the present time?

A We generally keep about \$15,000.00 on hand most of the
time.

Q How many partners are there who devote all their time
to the firm's business?

A About twenty-five men have interests.

Q How many work in the store all the time?

A Only about eight. Sometimes nine. Eight at the present
time.

Q Give me their names?

A Lim S. Lett, (myself), Lam Bon, Lim Chong, Lim Yuen, Lim
Hay, Lim Hong, Lim Goey, Lim Dai.

Q Do you know this man? (Showing photograph of applicant)

A That's my partner, Lam Bon.

Q How long has he been a member of the firm?

A He has been a member long before me. He has been a
member since the firm started. That would be in 1893, I think.

Q How much interest has he?

A He has now \$2,500.00.

Q What does he do about the store, what class of work?

A He is the treasurer. He is busy looking after the money
most of the time, but he buys and sells goods also.

Q During the past year has he done any manual labor, such as
working in laundries or restaurants, or any labor outside of the
store?

A No. Not that I know of. Nothing outside of the store.

Q Is he going to China on his own business or on business
of the firm?

A He is going to see his family. May be he buy goods too.

Q When he returns, will he come back into the store?

A Yes sir.

Q Have you understood my questions?

A Yes sir.

Witness signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Lim S. Lett, Witness.

(Signed) L. T. Plummer, Inspector.

Applicant, LAM BON, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

Q What is your name?
A Lam Bon.
Q What is your business?
A A merchant at Quong Yuen Chung Kee, 321 So. Clark St.
Q How long have you been a member of Quong Yuen?
A Since the firm was organized. For about nineteen years.
Q How much of an interest have you in that firm?
A I have \$2,500.00 now.
Q What would you say the goods your firm has on hand are worth?
A About \$16,000.00.
Q How many partners have you who devote all their time to the business of the firm?
A Eight.
Q Give me their names?
A Lim Lett, Lem Chong, Lim Hong, Lim Yuen, Lim Dai, Lim Gay, Lim Goey, Lam Bon.
Q What salary do you draw?
A \$40.00 a month.
Q Does that include your dividends?
A Only salary.
Q What work do you do about the store?
A I have got charge of the safe. I am the treasurer.
Q Are you registered?
A No. I have always been with the firm of Quong Yuen.
Q Are you going to China on your own business or on business of the firm?
A I am going to see about goods for the store and in the mean time to see my people.
Q When you return from China, will you go back into the store?
A Yes.
Q Have you understood the interpreter?
A Yes.

Applicant signed his testimony in English.

(Signed) Lam Bon,	Applicant.
(Signed) J.G.C.Longchallon,	Interpreter.
(Signed) L. T. Plummer,	Inspector.