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SUBJECT:

WHEREAS, WONG SING,
 attached hereto,
 from the United
 upon a visit to Chi-
 tion of returning
 States for the pur-
 present occupation
 in; and

WHEREAS, the said



whose photograph is
 is about to depart
 States, temporarily,
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 into the United
 pose of resuming his
 as a Merchant there-

WONG SING is law-

fully 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 Congress approved November 3, 1893, and the Convention of December 7, 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 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, stu- "dents, merchants, or travellers for curiosity or pleasure, but not "laborers, of coming into the United States and remaining therein." (Convention of Dec. 7, 1894, between the United States and China.)

NOW, THEREFORE, and for the better identification of the said WONG Sing, 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 hereby Certify that we have been well acquainted with the said WONG SING for upwards of one year last past, during which said year

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he has not been a huckster, peddler, laundryman or laborer of any kind, and during which said year he has been a reputable resident Chinese merchant of the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said WONG SING has been a member of the firm of Chinese persons trading and doing business under the trade-name and style of "QUONG ON LUNG", Importers and Dealers in Teas, Provisions, Clothing and general Chinese and Japanese merchandise, at No. 317 South Clark street, in the said City of Chicago.

WE DO FURTHER CERTIFY, That, during the said year of our acquaintance with him, the said WONG SING 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, the said WONG SING 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 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 arbitrary and fanciful 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, December 2, 1899.

(Signed) E.D. Williams

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| (DESCRIPTION OF WONG SING :) | Chicago, Illinois. |
| (AGE:-Thirty-Three Years.) | <i>(Signed) E.D. Williams</i> |
| (HEIGHT:-5 Ft., 6 In.) | Chicago, Illinois. |

United States of America.)
Northern District of Illinois.) Sct.
City of Chicago.)

I, Oliver F. Pagin, Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Do hereby Certify, That I am acquainted with

, the signers of the foregoing and annexed certificate and affidavits; That they are not Chinese persons, that they are citizens of the United States and residents of the said City of Chicago in the said Northern District of Illinois, that they are reputable persons of good character, and that, in my opinion their statements are entitled to full credence and belief.

Witness my hand and seal, at the City
of Chicago, in the Northern District
of Illinois, this _____ day of Decem-
ber, eighteen hundred and ninety nine.

S. MASON
Asst. U.S. Atty N.D. Ill's.
C. C. Cullinan

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12/5/1899

Young Sing, alleged member of the firm of
Quong & Sing Co., 317 Clark St. personally
appeared before me today and stated as follows:

How long have you been a member of this firm? 5 yrs.
in the U.S.: about 16 yrs.

What part of the business do you intend to
with this Co? I am a collector

How much money have you invested \$1000.
Did you ever work in laundry? No.

How long have you known Mr. Donaldson & Son
\$1000. millions.

Young Sing, speaks some English and
intends leaving by way of San F.

My official signature written across
four of ushers

J. W. Bunker

Immigration Director