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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, 1892, 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 Fifth District of New Jersey, at the city of Newark, in said District, dated March 26, 1894, and numbered 9660.



NAME:- TAU SEK. PRESENT AGE:-Forty-one (41) yrs

LOCAL RESIDENCE:-331 Clark Street, Chicago Ill.

OCCUPATION:-Laundryman.

HEIGHT:-Five (5) feet, Four (4) inches, in bare feet,

PHYSICAL MARKS or Peculiarities for Identification: Dimple in chin.

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

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 FUNG PON, Laundryman, No. 4204 Cottage Grove Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Six Hundred and Forty Dollars. (\$640.00)

Payable by one LUNG WAY, Laundryman, No. 331 Clark Street, Chicago Illinois, for money loaned, the sum of Six Hundred Dollars. (\$600.00)

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, in 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 20 1905.

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Subscribed and sworn to, by the above named TEN SEK, at the city of Chicago in the county of Cook and state of Illinois, this 20 day of Nov A.D. 1905. before me.

L. J. Phumer
Chinese Inspector in Charge.

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CHICAGO, November 21, 1905.

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

Applicant, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Chow Sek Jek (Tau Sek is name given on certificate).
Q Where were you born?
A China.
Q How long have you been in the United States?
A I can not tell exactly how many years; 20 to 23 years.
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry?
A I have no laundry now.
Q When did you sell it?
A I sold my laundry a long time ago and I have been working ever since.
Q Upon what do you base your right to go to China and return?
A On account of people here who owe me money, and I have a certificate.
Q Who owes you money?
A Chow Lung Wah and Chow Fung Pon.
Q How much do they owe you?
A Both together owe me \$1240.
Q What does Chow Fung Pon owe you money for?
A He borrowed this money from me to buy a laundry with.
Q How much?
A \$640.00.
Q When?
A This year (K.S. 31), 2nd month and 10th day.
Q Where was the laundry he was going to buy?
A On Cottage Grove Ave. near 42nd St., Chicago.
Q Where did this loan take place?
A I handed this money over to him in the laundry I spoke of.
Q How much did he pay for the laundry?
A I don't know that.
Q Do you know whether he paid the whole of that \$640.00 or more than that?
A I don't know that but I should judge that the laundry is worth more than that. He might pay more and he might pay less.
Q Did he give you a note?
A No, sir.
Q Does he pay you interest for the money?
A No, sir.
Q What security have you got for that money?
A No, sir; no security.
Q Suppose he won't pay it back to you, what will you do?
A In case he won't pay me I will have to wait until I get it.
Q How much money did Chow Lung Way borrow from you?
A \$600.00.
Q What did he borrow that for?
A He wanted to send this money to China.
Q When did he borrow it?
A K.S. 29th year, 6th month, and 10th day.
Q What is Chow Lung Way's business?
A He is working in a laundry and at odd jobs.

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Q Does he own any laundry of his own?

A He used to own a laundry in the early days but he hasn't owned a laundry for some time now.

Q Did he give you a note for this loan?

A No, sir.

Q Does he pay you any interest for it?

A No, sir.

Q What security have you got for that loan?

A No security at all.

Q Suppose he was to die or refused to pay you, how would you get it?

A If he don't pay me I will have to wait until I get it. In case he don't pay me at all, I will lose it.

Q How long have you known Chow Fung Pon?

A About 10 years now. I used to know him in San Francisco before he came here two or three years ago.

Q How long have you known Chow Lung Way?

A About ten years, too.

Q Where have you known them?

A In Chicago.

Q Did you put these loans down in any book?

A Yes, sir; I put them in my book.

(Witness produced a book containing a number of accounts, dating from K.S. 21 to K.S. 31, and the Interpreter read:
 "K.S. 31st year, 2nd month, 20th day, Chow Fung Pon borrowed \$640.00. K.S. 29th year, 6th month, 10th day, Chow Lung Way borrowed \$600.00; this money used to buy a laundry.")

Q How long have you had that book?

A Not very long. I used to have a slip of paper but I got a book and copied it on the book.

Q When did you copy it?

A A few months ago.

Q Where did you earn this \$1200.00 that you loaned these men?

A I used to own a laundry and make money and save it, and after I sold it I worked and earned money and saved it.

Q How much money could you earn and save in the course of a year?

A From \$300.00 to \$500.00 a year.

Q Where did you keep this money?

A I make my deposits at Quong Hop Lung Co.

Q Now, are these debts that you are claiming in this case genuine, bona fide debts, or are they debts that you have just trumped up for the occasion?

A No, sir; I don't do that; they are true debts.

Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?

A Yes, sir.

Applicant signed in Chinese:

(Signed) CHOW SEK JEK (TAU SEK), Applicant.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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Witness, CHOW FUNG PON, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
A Chow Fung Pon (certificate of residence reads Taw Bo).
Q What is your business?
A Laundryman.
Q Where is your laundry located?
A No. 4204 Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago.
Q How long have you owned that laundry?
A Since K.S. 31st year, 2nd month.
Q Are you registered?
A Yes, sir. (Witness produced original certificate of residence No. 67942, issued to Taw Bo at San Francisco, Calif., April 2, 1894.)
Q What is your name?
A Chow Fung Pon or Taw Bo. I changed my name from Taw Bo to Chow Fung Pon in K.S. 25th year, when I married.
Q Who did you buy that laundry from?
A I bought it from Chung Sik.
Q How much did you pay?
A \$950.00.
Q Where did you get the money?
A I borrowed some from Tau Sek (Chow Sek Jek) and I had some of my own.
Q Who is this (showing photo of applicant)?
A He is Tau Sek (Chow Sek Jek).
Q Is his name Chow Jek Sek or Chow Sek Jek?
A Chow Sek Jek.
Q When did you borrow that money of him?
A K.S. 31st year, 2nd month, 20th day.
Q Did you give him a note for it?
A No, sir.
Q Do you pay him any interest for it?
A No, sir; not in my agreement, but I will make it right with him.
Q How much did you borrow?
A \$640.00.
Q Where did this loan take place?
A In the store of Quong Hop Lung Co., S. Clark St., Chicago.
Q Are you sure that that loan took place (the money passed over) in Quong Hop Lung or at your laundry?
A I can not recall exactly where this loan took place, but I remember it was on the same day I bought this laundry and I was at Quong Hop Lung and went from there to my laundry to pay the man.
Q Where did you get the money; in the store or in the laundry?
A I remember he went to the store of Quong Hop Lung to get the money for me but I don't remember where this money was passed over to me; either at the store or at my laundry.
Q Did you put it down in any book?
A Yes, sir; I have it in my book in my laundry.
Q Why didn't you bring the book down here with you?
A I came down in a hurry and I forgot about it.
Q What have you been doing since you came to Chicago?
A I have worked in a laundry.
Q How did it happen that you didn't have the money to buy this laundry?
A I tell you the truth; I have a bad habit of gambling and I lose my money.
Q How long have you known Chow Sek Jek?
A Since I came to Chicago two or three years ago, but I used to know him in San Francisco, too.

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- Q What security has Chow Sek Jek got that you will pay him back that money?
A The man at the store of Quong Hop Lung spoke a good word for me.
Q Have you done any gambling since you bought that laundry?
A Yes, a little.
Q Are you any relation to Chow Sek Jek?
A Our great grandfathers were brothers.
Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?
A Yes, sir.

Witness signed in Chinese:

(Signed) CHOW FUNG PON (TAW BO), Witness.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) J. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.

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Witness, CHOW LUNG WAY, sworn by Inspector Plummer, testified:

- Q What is your name?
 A Chow Lung Way.
 Q What is your business?
 A Laundryman.
 Q Where is your laundry?
 A I have no laundry now. I live at Quong Hop Lung Co.
 Q How long have you been living at the store of Quong Hop Lung Co.?
 A Almost a year now.
 Q When was the last time you owned a laundry?
 A I don't remember when I had my last laundry but it was on 22d St.
 Q How long ago do you think it was?
 A Between two and four years.
 Q Do you know this man (showing photo of applicant)?
 A Yes, that is Tau Jek (Chow Sek Jek).
 Q How long have you known him?
 A About ten years.
 Q Where?
 A I knew him in Chicago.
 Q Did you ever have any business dealings with him?
 A Yes, sir; I borrowed money from him.
 Q When?
 A K.S. 29th year; I think it was the 9th month and 10th day,,
 but I am not sure.
 Q How does it happen that you can remember the exact date that you
 borrowed this money when you can't remember within two years
 the last time you owned a laundry?
 A When the laundry closed up it was a small matter and I didn't
 pay any particular attention, but when a man loaned me so much
 money I paid attention.
 Q Now, isn't it a fact that you and Chow Sek Jek talked about this
 when he asked you to come up and be a witness?
 A Yes, he asked me to come up here and be a witness for him, but
 as a matter of fact I owe him the money and that is why I came
 up to tell you what I know.
 Q Isn't it a fact that you and he compared dates before you came up?
 A No, sir; we did not compare our dates together, as I remember
 such a big amount of money I borrowed from him.
 Q Did you put it down anywhere in any book or anything?
 A Yes, sir, I have put it down in my book but I left it at home.
 Q What did you borrow the money for?
 A To send home.
 Q What are you going to do with it at home?
 A To build a house; a Chinese brick house.
 Q Didn't you have any money of your own at that time?
 A Yes, sir, I have some of my own,too.
 Q How much money did you borrow from Chow Sek Jek?
 A \$600.00.
 Q How much money did you send home to build your house?
 A \$1,000.00.
 Q Was it silver or gold?
 A Gold.
 Q Where did this loan take place?
 A This loan took place at the same laundry on Cottage Grove Ave.
 near 42nd St., Chicago.
 Q Where did he pass over the money to you; at the laundry?
 A I know he passed it over to me at the laundry.
 Q How did you send the money to China?
 A I got a draft in the bank.
 Q What bank?
 A That bank over there (pointing to the Illinois Trust and Savings
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Q Could you go over there and prove it? How much was the draft for?

A I remember the draft was for \$2,150.00 Mexican.

Q Have you been working in laundries lately?

A No, sir; I have not been doing anything for a year now.

Q Why didn't you keep at work and earn money enough to pay this loan back?

A I am old and I work one week and then I am sick two weeks and I spend it as fast as I earn it; that is why I haven't paid it.

Q Then how is Chow Sek Jek going to get this money back?

A I will pay him little by little as fast as I can.

Q You haven't paid him any of it yet, have you?

A No, sir; I have not.

Q Did you give him a note for it?

A No, sir; no note given, as we are cousins.

Q Do you pay him any interest?

A No, sir; no interest.

Q What security has he got for that loan?

A No security at all; only cousins and honesty. It is our Chinese custom always to borrow money in this way.

Q Suppose you never paid him this money; could he take this house in China?

A No, sir; he couldn't do that. In case I don't pay it my children will pay it.

Q Did you borrow this money all at one time or at different times?

A All at one time, so I can put it together and send it to China to build a house with.

Q Have you understood Interpreter Wong Aloy?

A Yes, sir.

Witness signed in Chinese:

(Signed) CHOW LUNG WAY, Witness.

(Signed) WONG ALOY, Interpreter.

(Signed) L. T. PLUMMER, Inspector.