In the Matter of the Petition

of

CLAYTON GRANT

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING OF NOTICE OF DECISION BY (CERTIFIED) MAIL

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Personal Income : Taxes under Article(s) 22 of the Tax Law for the (Year(s) 1966 :

State of New York County of Albany

Martha Funaro , being duly sworn, deposes and says that she is an employee of the Department of Taxation and Finance, over 18 years of age, and that on the 15th day of January , 1973 , she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Clayton Grant

(representative of) the petitioner in the within

proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid

wrapper addressed as follows: Clayton Grant

10 North Road

P.O. Box 184

Setauket, New York 11733 and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a (post office or official depository) under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Post Office Department within the State of New York.

That deponent further says that the said addressee is the (representative of) petitioner herein and that the address set forth on said wrapper is the last known address of the (representative of the) petitioner.

Sworn to before me this

15th day of January , 1973.

martha Durand



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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

Dated:

Albany, New York

January 15, 1973

Clayton Grant 10 Morth Road P.O. Box 184 Setauket, New York

Dear Mr. Grant:

Please take notice of the

DECISION

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of

the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

Please take further notice that pursuant to section 690 of the Tax Law any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within 4 Konths after the date of this notice.

Any inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision or concerning any other matter relating hereto may be addressed to the undersigned. These will be referred to the proper party for reply.

Very truly yours

HEARING OFFICER

cc Petitioner's Representative
Law Bureau

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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DECISION

for Redetermination of Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1966.

:

Petitioner, Clayton Grant, has filed a petition for redetermination of deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1966. (File No. 11-2065531). A formal hearing was held before Paul B. Coburn, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 80 Centre Street, New York, New York on October 20, 1972, at 10:30 A.M. Petitioner appeared pro se. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Saul Heckelman, Esq. (Solomon Sies, Esq., of Counsel).

ISSUE

Was petitioner, Clayton Grant, liable for unpaid New York State withholding taxes due from 1777 Corporation d/b/a Fife & Drum Restaurant for the year 1966?

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The 1777 Corporation d/b/a Fife & Drum Restaurant failed to pay over to the Income Tax Bureau New York State personal income taxes withheld from its employees during the year 1966 in the sum of \$293.80. The corporation is presently insolvent.

- 2. On July 28, 1969, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Deficiency against petitioner, Clayton Grant, imposing a penalty equal to the amount of New York State withholding taxes due from 1777 Corporation d/b/a Fife & Drum Restaurant for the year 1966 upon the grounds that he was a person required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over said taxes and that he willfully failed to do so. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Deficiency, it issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$293.80.
- 3. The 1777 Corporation d/b/a Fife & Drum Restaurant was engaged in the restaurant business during the year 1966. It was incorporated in 1964. Petitioner, Clayton Grant, owned one-third of the stock in the corporation. He was a director and a vice-president. He signed corporate checks and tax returns. He invested \$88,000.00 in the corporation. He handled legal and financial matters for the corporation.
- 4. Petitioner, Clayton Grant, subsequent to 1966, filed a petition for bankruptcy. He received a discharge in bankruptcy on October 21, 1968.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That petitioner, Clayton Grant, as an officer of 1777 Corporation d/b/a Fife & Drum Restaurant was a person required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over New York State withholding taxes due from said corporation for the year 1966 in accordance with the meaning and intent of sections 674 and 685(1) of the Tax Law.

- B. That since petitioner, Clayton Grant, willfully failed or caused 1777 Corporation d/b/a Fife & Drum Restaurant to willfully fail to collect, truthfully account for and pay over New York State withholding due from said corporation for the year 1966, therefore a penalty equal to the total amount of the unpaid withholding taxes was properly assessed against him in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 685(g) of the Tax Law.
- C. That the discharge in bankruptcy obtained by petitioner, Clayton Grant, in 1968, did not release him for his liability for the unpaid New York State withholding taxes due from 1777 Corporation d/b/a Fife & Drum Restaurant for the year 1966, 11 U.S.C.A. section 35(a)(1)(e). Westenberg v. United States of America, 285 F. Supp. 915 (D.C. Ariz., 1968), 68-1 U.S.T.C. ¶9351.
- D. That the petition of Clayton Grant is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued July 29, 1969, is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York January 15, 1973 STATE TAX COMMISSION

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