In the Matter of the Petition

of

JOHN COTOGGIO

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State of New York County of Albany

Marsina Donnini , 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 $15\ {
m th}{\rm day}$ of ${
m July}$, 1977 , she served the within

Notice of Decision

by (certified) mail upon John Cotoggio

**REPTERENTALIZATION TO THE WITHIN PROCEEDING,

by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. John Cotoggio
6-08 119th Street
College Point, New York 11356

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 Postal Service within the State of New York.

Sworn to before me this

15thday of July

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STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION TAX APPEALS BUREAU ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

July 15, 1977

JAMES H. TULLY JR., PRESIDENT MILTON KOERNER THOMAS H. LYNCH

> Mr. John Cotoggio 6-08 119th Street College Point, New York 11356

Dear Mr. Cotoggio:

Please take notice of the **Decision** of the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

You have now exhausted your right of review at the administrative level. Pursuant to section(s) 690 of the Tax Law, any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission can only be instituted under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Laws and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 Norths from the date of this notice.

Inquiries concerning the computation of tax due or refund allowed in accordance with this decision may be addressed to the Deputy Commissioner and Counsel to the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, Albany, New York 12227. Said inquiries will be referred to the proper authority for reply.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH CHYRYWATY Hearing Examiner

cc: Depoint of the contraction

Taxing Bureau's Representative

STATE OF NEW YORK

STATE TAX COMMISSION

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DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Period November 1, 1973 through November 30, 1973.

Petitioner, John Cotoggio, residing at 6-08 119th Street, College Point, New York 11356, has filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income taxes under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the period November 1, 1973 through November 30, 1973. (File No. 13451).

A small claims hearing was held before Joseph A. Milack, Small Claims Hearing Officer, on March 9, 1977 at 1:15 P.M. at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York. The petitioner appeared <u>pro se</u>. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (William Fox, Esq. of counsel).

ISSUE

Whether petitioner, John Cotoggio, is liable for New York State withholding taxes due from Craft Electronics, Inc. for the period of November 1, 1973 through November 30, 1973.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Craft Electronics, Inc. failed to pay over New York State withholding taxes due for the period November 1, 1973 through November 30, 1973.
- 2. Petitioner was president of Craft Electronics, Inc. during the period at issue.
- 3. Petitioner conceded that he was a person required to collect, truthfully account for and pay over New York State withholding taxes.
- 4. Petitioner could not explain the failure of Craft Electronics, Inc. to pay over New York State withholding taxes due for the period at issue.
- 5. Petitioner was unaware of the failure of Craft Electronics, Inc. to pay over New York State withholding taxes since he had delegated to an employee the task of paying said taxes and he did not oversee the actual payment of the withholding taxes thereafter.
- 6. Petitioner has not sustained the burden of proof necessary to substantiate that he did not willfully fail, or cause Craft Electronics, Inc. to willfully fail, to collect, account for or pay over New York State withholding taxes due from said corporation in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 685(g) of the Tax Law; therefore the penalty equal to the total amount of unpaid withholding taxes due from Craft Electronics, Inc. was properly assessed.

7. The petition of John Cotoggio is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued on August 25, 1975 in the sum of \$695.20 is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York

July 15, 1977

STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

COMMISSIONER

COMMISSIONER