#### STATE OF NEW YORK

#### STATE TAX COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition

of

John Crysler

AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or Revision: of a Determination or Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article(s) 22 of the Tax Law: for the Year 1979.

State of New York:

ss.:

County of Albany :

Doris E. Steinhardt, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he/she is an employee of the State Tax Commission, that he/she is over 18 years of age, and that on the 18th day of February, 1986, he/she served the within notice of Decision by certified mail upon John Crysler the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows:

John Crysler 12 Orchard St. Marcellus, NY 13108

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a post office under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

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

Drus & Stemhardt

Sworn to before me this 18th day of February, 1986.

Authorized to administer oaths pursuant to Tax Law section 174

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John Moss Main Street Marcellus, NY

and by depositing same enclosed in a postpaid properly addressed wrapper in a post office under the exclusive care and custody of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York.

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

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# STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION ALBANY, NEW YORK 12227

February 18, 1986

John Crysler 12 Orchard St. Marcellus, NY 13108

Dear Mr. Crysler:

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, a proceeding in court to review an adverse decision by the State Tax Commission may be instituted only under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules, and must be commenced in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, Albany County, within 4 months 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:

NYS Dept. Taxation and Finance Law Bureau - Litigation Unit Building #9, State Campus Albany, New York 12227 Phone # (518) 457-2070

Very truly yours,

STATE TAX COMMISSION

cc: Petitioner's Representative
John Moss
Main Street
Marcellus, NY
Taxing Bureau's Representative

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JOHN CRYSLER

DECISION

for Redetermination of a Deficiency or for Refund of Personal Income Tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the Year 1979.

Petitioner, John Crysler, 12 Orchard Street, Marcellus, New York 13108, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of personal income tax under Article 22 of the Tax Law for the year 1979 (File No. 40644).

A hearing was held before Arthur Bray, Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, 333 East Washington Street, Syracuse, New York, on October 7, 1985 at 1:15 P.M. Petitioner appeared by John Moss, Esq. The Audit Division appeared by John P. Dugan, Esq. (James Della Porta, Esq., of counsel).

### ISSUE

Whether the Audit Division properly considered petitioner to be taxable as a resident of New York during 1979.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about March 15, 1980, petitioner filed a New York State Income Tax Resident Return for the year 1979. On this return, petitioner reported that his total income, consisting of salary and wages, was \$13,813.93.
- 2. On August 26, 1982, the Audit Division issued a Notice of Deficiency to petitioner asserting a deficiency of personal income tax in the amount of \$611.78, plus interest of \$154.80, for a total amount due of \$766.58. The Statement of Audit Changes which had been issued on August 14, 1981, explained that the starting point for determining petitioner's New York tax liability

was federal adjusted gross income. Since petitioner's reported federal adjusted gross income was \$20,508.00, an adjustment in the amount of \$6,695.00 was made to petitioner's reported income.

- 3. On or about September 17, 1982, petitioner filed an Amended New York State Income Tax Return for the year 1979 and a Schedule for Change of Resident Status. On the amended return, petitioner reported the same total income as had been originally reported. However, he prorated the standard deduction and personal exemption based upon being a resident of New York State for a period of nine months. Petitioner also claimed household credit of \$26.00. On the Schedule for Change of Resident Status, petitioner reported that he was a New York State resident from April 15, 1979 to December 31, 1979.
- 4. Prior to January, 1978, petitioner rented part of a house located in Skaneateles, New York. He was employed in construction work while residing in New York.
- 5. On January 3, 1978, petitioner moved from Skaneateles, New York to an apartment complex in Metarie, Louisiana. Petitioner moved to Louisiana because he found Louisiana's climate preferable for work on construction sites. At the time he moved to Louisiana, petitioner did not intend to return to New York. Petitioner took all of his personal belongings with him when he moved to Louisiana.
- 6. Petitioner closed his New York State bank account and opened a bank account with the Bank of New Orleans shortly after moving to Louisiana.
- 7. Within approximately two weeks of moving to Louisiana, petitioner found work involving bridge construction with a firm known as Complex Industries.

  Approximately one month after moving, petitioner registered his automobile and motorcycle with the State of Louisiana.

- 8. After residing in Metarie, Louisiana for a period of time, petitioner moved to Houma, Louisiana. The reason why petitioner moved was to be closer to a new construction site he was going to be working at. Thereafter, petitioner moved to Gray, Louisiana, which was located approximately five miles from Houma.
  - 9. On June 8, 1978, petitioner obtained a Louisiana driver's license.
- 10. On December 4, 1978, petitioner opened a savings account with the American Bank and Trust Co. of Houma. The savings account was closed on March 28, 1983.
- 11. During April, 1979, petitioner completed the first phase of work he was performing on bridge construction and had approximately a week of vacation time before he was expected to commence the second phase of his work. Therefore, he decided to return to New York to visit friends. When he returned to New York, he met the individual that eventually became his wife and, in deference to her wishes, he decided to remain in New York.
- 12. Petitioner filed an income tax return with the State of Louisiana for the year 1978. He did not file an income tax return with the State of Louisiana for the year 1979 because there was state withholding during the year and he did not consider it worth the effort to file a return.
- 13. Petitioner did not register to vote while residing in Louisiana.

  However, he had not voted in New York, prior to the year in issue, since 1968.
- 14. Petitioner did not join any social or athletic clubs while residing in Louisiana nor has he joined any social or athletic clubs since returning to New York.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That 20 NYCRR §102.2(d)(1) provides that, in general, domicile "...is the place which an individual intends to be his permanent home -- the place to which he intends to return whenever he may be absent."
- B. That petitioner has sustained his burden of proof imposed by section 689(e) of the Tax Law of establishing that he changed his domicile to Louisiana in 1978.
- C. That once a domicile is established, it will continue "...until the person in question moves to a new location with the bona fide intention of making his fixed and permanent home there." (20 NYCRR 102.2[d][2]).
- D. That since petitioner was not a domiciliary or resident of New York until April 15, 1979, his wages were not subject to New York State personal income tax prior to this date (Tax Law §§605[a][2]; 654[b]).
- E. That the petition of John Crysler is granted and the Notice of Deficiency dated August 26, 1982 is cancelled.

DATED: Albany, New York

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