In the Matter of the Petition

of

MATTHEW FERENZO

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

For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article(s) 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(s) 1967 & 1968

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 8th day of March , 19 74 she served the within Notice of Decision (or Determination) by (certified) mail upon Matthew Ferenzo

(representative of) the petitioner in the within proceeding, by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed as follows: Mr. Matthew Ferenzo
1355 East 18th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11230

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

Sth day of

March

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ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

Dated Albany, New York

March 8, 1974

Mr. Matthew Ferenzo 1355 East 18th Street Brooklyn, New York 11230

Dear Mr. Ferenzo:

DECISION Please take notice of the the State Tax Commission enclosed herewith.

of

Please take further notice that pursuant to section 722 of the Tax Law any proceeding in court to review an adverse decision must be commenced within after 4 Months 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.

HEARING OFFICER

cc Petitioner's Representative Law Bureau

STATE OF NEW YORK

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DECISION

for Redetermination of Deficiency or for Refund of Unincorporated Business Tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the Years 1967 and 1968.

Petitioner, Matthew Ferenzo, has filed a petition for redetermination of deficiency or for refund of unincorporated business tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for the years 1967 and 1968.

(File No. 8-18728180).

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 December 21, 1973, at 9:00 A.M. Petitioner appeared by Peter J. La Barbera, Esq. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Saul Heckelman, Esq., (Francis X. Boylan, Esq., of Counsel).

ISSUES

- I. Did petitioner, Matthew Ferenzo's activities as a textile salesman during the years 1967 and 1968 constitute the carrying on of an unincorporated business?
- II. Did petitioner, Matthew Ferenzo, have reasonable case for failing to file New York State unincorporated business tax returns for the years 1967 and 1968?

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Petitioner, Matthew Ferenzo, and his wife, filed New York State combined income tax returns for the years 1967 and 1968. He did not file New York State unincorporated business tax returns for said years.

- 2. On May 24, 1971, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against petitioner, Matthew Ferenzo, imposing unincorporated business tax in the sum of \$3,139.69 upon the income received by him from his activities as a salesman during the years 1967 and 1968. It also imposed a penalty in the sum of \$784.93 for failure to file New York State unincorporated business tax returns for said years. In accordance with the aforesaid Statement of Audit Changes, it issued a Notice of Deficiency in the sum of \$4,380.57.
- 3. Petitioner, Matthew Ferenzo, was a textile salesman during the years 1967 and 1968. He represented in excess of four firms in the sale of textile products. He did not have an office. He did not have any employees. The products sold by him for each firm were noncompetitive.
- 4. During the years 1967 and 1968, the firms for whom petitioner, Matthew Ferenzo, sold textiles did not withhold Federal or New York State income taxes or social security tax from the commissions paid to him. He did not receive paid vacations or pension benefits. They did not reimburse him for any of his business expenses. The firms for whom he sold merchandise did not exercise any substantial control or supervision over his sales activities or techniques or over the time he devoted to sales, except to limit the territory in which he could sell.
- 5. Petitioner, Matthew Ferenzo, was advised by his accountant that he was not required to file New York State unincorporated business tax returns for the years 1967 and 1968.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

A. That the income received by petitioner, Matthew Ferenzo, from the firms that he represented during the years 1967 and 1968 constituted income from his regular business of selling textiles

and not compensation as an employee exempt from the imposition of the unincorporated business tax law in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703(b) of the Tax Law.

- B. That the aforesaid activities of petitioner, Matthew Ferenzo, during the years 1967 and 1968 constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business and his income derived therefrom was subject to the unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 703 of the Tax Law.
- C. That petitioner, Matthew Ferenzo, had reasonable cause for not filing New York State unincorporated business tax returns for the years 1967 and 1968, and therefore, the penalty assessed pursuant to section 685(a) of the Tax Law is waived.
- D. That the petition of Matthew Ferenzo is granted to the extent of cancelling the penalty imposed pursuant to section 685(a) of the Tax Law for the years 1967 and 1968 in the total sum of \$784.93; that the Income Tax Bureau is hereby directed to accordingly modify the Notice of Deficiency issued May 24, 1971; and, that, except as so granted, the petition is in all other respects denied.

DATED: Albany, New York
March 8, 1974

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