In the Matter of the Petition

of

JOHN T. CLAIBORNE, JR.

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For a Redetermination of a Deficiency or a Revision of a Determination or a Refund of Unincorporated Business Taxes under Article(s) 23 of the Tax Law for the Year(s) \*\*Exercicle\*\* 1966 and 1967.

State of New York County of County

Carmen Mottolese , 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 27th day of September , 1976, she served the within
Notice of Decision by (certified) mail upon John T.
Claiborne, Jr. (xepresextative xxf) the petitioner in the within proceeding,
by enclosing a true copy thereof in a securely sealed postpaid wrapper addressed
as follows: Mr. John T. Claiborne, Jr.
12 Park Avenue Terrace
Bronxville, New York 10708

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.

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

Sworn to before me this

27th day of September , 1976.

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## STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION AND FINANCE

#### TAX APPEALS BUREAU

STATE CAMPUS ALBANY, N.Y. 12227 ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO

September 27, 1976

TELEPHONE: (518) 457-3850

Mr. John T. Claiborne, Jr. 12 Park Avenue Terrace Bronxville, New York 10708

Dear Mr. Claiborne:

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

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 4 months from the date of this notice.

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

Frank J. Tues

Frank J. Puccia Supervisor of Small Claims Hearings

Taxing Bureau's Representative:

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# STATE OF NEW YORK STATE TAX COMMISSION

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DECISION

Petitioner, John T. Claiborne, Jr., 12 Park Avenue Terrace, Bronxville, New York, 10708, filed a petition for redetermination of a deficiency or for refund of unincorporated business tax under Article 23 of the Tax Law for 1966 and 1967. (File No. 7-74874404). A small claims hearing was held before Joseph Marcus, Small Claims Hearing Officer, at the offices of the State Tax Commission, Two World Trade Center, New York, New York, on June 7, 1976, at 10:45 A.M. Petitioner appeared pro se. The Income Tax Bureau appeared by Peter Crotty, Esq., (Frank Levitt, Esq., of counsel).

#### ISSUES

I. Did the activities of the petitioner, John T. Claiborne, Jr., as a Financial Consultant during the years 1966 and 1967 constitute the carrying on of an unincorporated business within the meaning and intent of section 703(a) of the Tax Law?

- II. Was all of the income received by the petitioner,

  John T. Claiborne, Jr., during the years in question allocable

  to New York State for purposes of the New York State unincorporated

  business tax?
- III. Was penalty properly imposed under section 685(a) of the Tax Law for failure to file New York State unincorporated business tax returns for the years 1966 and 1967?

### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Petitioner, John T. Claiborne, Jr., timely filed resident New York State income tax returns for the tax years 1966 and 1967. He did not file New York State unincorporated business tax returns for 1966 and 1967.
- 2. On April 12, 1971, Income Tax Bureau issued a Statement of Audit Changes against the petitioner imposing an unincorporated business tax upon the petitioner's net business income for said years upon the grounds that his activities as a financial consultant constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business. In accordance with the Statement of Audit Changes, the Income Tax Bureau issued a Notice of Deficiency in the amount of \$1,290.88 plus interest thereon and penalty under section 685(a) of the Tax Law.
- 3. Petitioner, John T. Claiborne, Jr., testified that he was a Financial Consultant and that during the years in question he did work for at least three separate companies. He also stated

that he was not constrained from working for other companies.

None of the companies for which petitioner provided his services subjected his remuneration to withholding tax or any other deductions consistent with employee relationships.

- 4. During the period under review, petitioner, did not maintain an office anywhere except within New York State although, as he testified, office space and stenographic services were made available to him at the firms with which he did business. He paid no rent for any office space outside New York State.
- 5. At no time was petitioner subject to any supervision as to his employment or allocation of time.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- A. That the activities of the petitioner, John T. Claiborne, Jr., as a Financial Consultant in the years 1966 and 1967 constituted the carrying on of an unincorporated business within the meaning and intent of section 703(a) of the Tax Law and his income from such activities is thereby subject to unincorporated business tax for such years.
- B. That all of the petitioner's income from his activities as a financial consultant during the years 1966 and 1967 is allocable to New York State for purposes of the New York State unincorporated business tax in accordance with the meaning and intent of section 707(a) of the Tax Law as the petitioner did not maintain an office anywhere except within New York State.

- C. That penalties were properly imposed under section 685(a) of the Tax Law for the years 1966 and 1967 in that the petitioner, John T. Claiborne, Jr., failed to show reasonable cause for failure to file such returns.
- D. That the petition of John T. Claiborne, Jr. is denied and the Notice of Deficiency issued April 12, 1971, is sustained.

DATED: Albany, New York September 27, 1976 STATE TAX COMMISSION

PRESIDENT

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