

United States of America }
Territory of Washington } D.C.
County of King }

In the matter of the expulsion of
the Chinese from Tacoma Pierce
County Washington Territory.

Mow Lung being first duly sworn
on his oath deposes and saith:

My name is Mow Lung. I am a sub-
ject of the Chinese Empire, but now
live in Victoria British Columbia, where
I have lived since the expulsion of the
Chinese from Tacoma.

I came to Tacoma in the year
1875 and was engaged in business
there continuously from that time
until the Chinese were expelled
from that City on the 3d day November
1885. I was in Tacoma on the 3d
day of November 1885, and saw the
people of Tacoma drive the Chinese
out from that place on that day.

I was then engaged in selling Chinese
merchandise in Tacoma.

Mow Lung is the name of my
mercantile firm. My place of
business was near the wharf in
Tacoma, and I had been living
and selling goods at that place

for five years previous. I owned
nine houses there, which I had built
on land, which I had permission from
the Northern Pacific Rail Road Co to occupy
and for which I paid ground rent
monthly at the rate of \$20 per month.

I let six of these houses to my tenants
for which I was then receiving rent
at the rate of \$20 per month.

I occupied three houses myself, having
one house for my family residence,
one for my store, and one for storage.

On the 3^d day of November at Tacoma
I saw a mob of several hundred men
on the street. They came to my store
and kicked off the door. They took
hold of the Chinese that were in these
houses, some of whom were Chinese
women, including my wife, and
pulled them out of the doors.

The mob drove the Chinese off
towards Lake View. Some persons in
the mob pointed pistols at the
Chinese but did not fire any pistols.

The Mayor of Tacoma, Mr Weisbach
was there at the time with the mob.
He came to my house and said
I must go. This was Monday
afterwards that day he said I
might stay till Wednesday,
and on Wednesday I saw

stay several days longer.

The mob forcibly took some of my goods away on the 3^d day of November. I do not know the value of the goods they took from me November 3^d.

On Thursday the 6th day of November 1885 my buildings were all burned and all my goods in them were destroyed. The fire took place about half past ten a.m. I was inside my office at the time the fire was started in a Chinese restaurant near my houses, and the fire spread from that to my houses.

I saw a good many white people there before the fire started. Many persons came to see it and some tried to keep the fire from burning the railroad timbers by making connection with the water pipe by means of hose. I did not see any fire engines nor firemen on the ground at any time, and no one tried to put out the fire in my houses.

My loss in goods at the times and from the causes I have herein stated, was \$3,624.²⁵, and my losses therefrom in buildings and wharf or piling is \$7,500. My losses therefrom in uncollected accounts

Loss House 1500. The entire amount
of my loss by reason of the unlawful
acts of the people of Tacoma in ex-
pelling the Chinese, and in seizing and appro-
priating my goods, and in the burning of
my houses furniture and clothing on the
the dates named amounts to the sum of
\$21,424²⁵. I have forwarded a full
statement of the aforesaid losses to the
Chinese Consul General at San Francisco Cal.

Mow Lung
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Subscribed and sworn to before
me the 24th day of June, 1886
A. E. Stanford
Notary Public

Affidavit of
Mow Lung

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