

From letter of Mrs. Julia Stanclift Sanborn to Mrs. Dennett.

*July 15/11*

Mrs. Mary Ware Dennett:  
National Suffrage Headquarters,  
505 - Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Dennett:

Since my return to California I have been doing active Suffrage work. I have recently been made a member of the State Board of Finance, and this gives me an opportunity of writing to my Eastern friends in a somewhat official capacity.

The women of California have been pursuing the same course that has been adopted in other states, that is, we have done precinct work in the cities, we have formed suffrage organizations in every large town, we have had mass meetings, and of course have done a good deal of individual work. In the suffrage campaign of 14 years ago, it was San Francisco and the cities about the Bay that caused our defeat. There was a heavy vote in favor of womens suffrage in every other county in California. Our greatest work now, is to look after the voters of San Francisco. I am inclined to believe that more sanguine reports must have been sent to New York friends.

You may have noticed that the "Woman's Journal" has given very satisfactory reports of the work being done here, but I would like to say, confidentially, that I am not as sanguine as are most of the workers, in regard to the work which is being accomplished. Mass meetings, suffrage teas, and a fine showing of precinct work are encouraging, but I am certain that we are not reaching the people that are working the hardest to defeat us.

There has never been a very large campaign fund in the

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possession of any of the four different organizations now working for suffrage, in this city, and on this account our efforts have been retarded, but I am certain too, that when the situation is well understood by the suffrage workers of your city, we shall have their aid in this our time of need.

We have just had a very notable gathering in this city, consisting of members of the National Educational Assn., and advantage was taken of the presence of a number of teachers from Chicago, who are well known suffragists, and meetings were held at which they were invited to speak. Many times the questions were put to us -- "What can Chicago do to help you?" -- "It means much to the women of Illinois that you win." -- "Do you need money?" -- "Do you need speakers?" -- "Say the word, and the help is yours."

That is the spirit that appeals to us.

How long do you suppose the legislatures of the different states would keep us waiting for the ballot if it were known that the States were a unit on this question of suffrage? I am convinced that it would be but a short time.

I brought with me, from New York, some literature in connection with the Men's League for Woman's Suffrage; the "Constitution" and other papers. With the aid of these we have organized a Men's League in San Francisco, which league is going to be very helpful to us in this campaign.

I heard Prof. Max Eastman speak while I was in Boston, and he seems to me to be just the type of men we need in California at the present time, and I would suggest that some liberal New Yorkers send Prof. Eastman here, to stay until the close of the campaign. We would undoubtedly be able to get large audiences for him, and I

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believe that his work here would be of untold benefit.

Prof. Zueblin was here during the meetings of the National Educational Assn. He has made one speech thus far, and everyone is very enthusiastic about him. If there were funds at hand, we might possibly be able to induce him to work for us this season.

All available funds for public work have become almost exhausted, and yet our fight is only half over, and possibly the hardest part has yet to be overcome. We are certain that some of the large corporations, the sporting element, etc., are allied against us, and we need funds to hire halls, buy literature and pay for its distribution that we may educate the people as to our aims and ambitions, and convince them that it is for the good of all. This work is largely one of education, after all, and we should have not less than ten thousand dollars at the present time to complete the work which has been commenced. What will New York do for us? We make the call, and rely on a generous response.

I am writing this letter to you confidentially, although I am, in a general way, writing to many Eastern friends in my official capacity as a member of the State Board of Finance, and I trust you will extend me your frank opinion as to just what New York will do for California.

I remember the very comprehensive view which you gave me, of suffrage work, when I was in New York, and I have read with interest your publications in the "Woman's Journal," and I believe that you can best understand the situation here, as I have explained it, as well as in New York, and will know interested

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parties who would be willing to assist us in this work.

You may rest assured that if the positions of the East and West should ever be reversed, in a matter of this sort, California would be ready to reciprocate.

Contributions may be sent to the State President,  
Mrs. Elizabeth L. Watson, Pacific Building, San Francisco, Cal.

Fraternally yours,

Richmond, Ky.

July 15th, 1911.

Mr. Geo. S. Weeks,

Lexington, Ky.

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed my check for \$24.50, in payment of my church dues and mission dues. I am accustomed to paying both through the envelopes; but unfortunately left them in Lexington, when I came away some months ago. I wish to be punctual in the payments; and if I have not put in the envelopes in church by the next quarter, I shall be much obliged to you if you will send me a bill.

Very truly yours,

117 W. Park Ave.

San Antonio

July 18 - 1911

My dear Miss Clay.

I am enclosing an editorial from The Express - which I wish you would please answer. As a member of a noted family of the old South - you can appropriately reply - where a new England descendant's <sup>testimony</sup> would not be acceptable. ~~testimony~~

The person referred to, - Katie Daffan - is guilty

prominent in Tex. in the  
clubs - (Woman's press - and  
Confederate - particularly)  
altho I consider her talent  
very questionable - and her  
ideas absurd. She is a  
divorcee - and her father  
was an Irishman - who  
first came to Texas as an  
ordinary railroad laborer -  
an uneducated coarse  
man - who thru perse-  
verance and native  
ingenuity rose to a high  
position in railroad cir-  
cles - Hoping I am not  
asking too much - and

that you may reply soon  
giving your credentials for  
the right to speak for  
Southern women -

I am with high regard  
Very truly yours -  
Mrs Est. Peufeld

N.B. My daughter Miss  
Paula Peufeld joins me in  
this request - and Miss  
Brockbridge would  
highly approve. As if  
you wish you may name  
us all as joining in a  
request for reply to this  
editorial - Miss Brockbridge

gives ~~no~~ permission to use  
her name for suffering  
work in any way we  
may see fit. and her  
influence in San A is  
very great.



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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 505 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK

July 18, 1911

Dear Mrs McCullough:

Now that Miss Shaw is back, I suppose it isn't necessary for me to worry any more about that lease! But I want to answer your letter because you may not feel like passing upon the lease as legal adviser, without further explanation of the points that trouble you.

First, I quote from Mrs Belmont's letter dated March 23d-

\*Dear Dr. Shaw:

I have given full consideration to the matter of our conversation the other day in regard to continuing my contributions towards the rent of the National Headquarters and the maintenance of the Press Bureau. My conclusion is that at the expiration of the contract made with the National Board, which is August 1st next, I must discontinue my contributions to the Press Bureau. I am very anxious, however, to see the headquarters of the Association remain in New York City, and feel that it is a distinct advantage to the Association to have its headquarters here. I will agree to contribute during the twelve months, from August 1, 1911 to August 1, 1912, one thousand dollars towards the rent of headquarters for the National Association, if said Association remains in New York, and if you are re-elected National President for the next term of office."

This is the basis of our expectation of the \$500 contribution.

Second, We could not obtain the College League's promise of \$1400 in writing, because Miss Thomas had sailed before Miss Clay's letter came, but we could, I am sure, hold her to it legally. It was very definite and Mrs Dennett and I both heard it made, as well as Miss Garrett. She is, moreover, extremely anxious to have

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headquarters in New York, and especially here at #505, so I am sure there would never be any question about her generous support.

Third, We were obliged, as explained in my letter of June 15th, to take the whole seven<sup>th</sup>centh floor, because that is the only arrangement the agent would make. It was the whole floor, or nothing. Of course, if we could have arranged to stay till May or longer, we could surely have rented the rooms we do not need. We hope to do something of this sort now, though it is much harder, for so short a time.

Fourth, I thought it was safe to "go ahead" even if Miss Clay's and Miss Gordon's conditions were not carried out to the letter, since we had a straight majority vote on the question, without any conditions-- Mrs Stewart voting with Miss Shaw, Mrs Dennett, Miss Blackwell, and me.

I believe this covers all the points in your letter?

Cordially yours,

*Jessie Ashley*

Treasurer.

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July 19, 1911

My dear Miss Clay:

Am I correct in thinking that the books are to be audited at this time only up to Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> 1911? That would be my understanding of the matter, but your custom may be different.

Shall I send the books to you first? You will want, "the books," the cancelled checks, <sup>1.</sup> the bills, <sup>2.</sup> the <sup>3.</sup> <sup>wants</sup> <sup>4.</sup> the orders, is there any thing else?

Miss Blackwell says something about having some one act ~~in~~ her place, if this is done I suppose the books don't go to her at all?

Cordially Yours

Jessie Ashley

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1911

My Dear Miss Clay:-

Cannot tell you how I regret we must have our convention on '25<sup>th</sup>' thereby possibly depriving the convention of ~~even~~ all of your presence. Am sure it will be very much upon your mind & time upon that day, but as the majority rules and you feel that it is best I am resigned - with a sigh of regretful forebodings.

The program is good - perfect to my mind - think the evening absolutely necessary - for "unfinished business" - unless we are quickly educated to prompt action through the 'big' convention, am sure the evening session will be a 'saving hour'.

As I may leave at any day now and am still undetermined as to August, so may have trouble with my mail. I am inclosing cheque for one hundred dollars as you may want to use or need it for your work. You can send me account of your expenditures etc - in time for my report.

Very Sincerely yours

Isabella Shepard

Votes Sent out July 17th, 1911.

Do you vote that we shall attempt still to get the Red Room at the Seelbach at Fifteen Dollars a day, if we can get the exchange made? *yes. by all means*

Do you vote to accept a sample room, if obtainable, at ten dollars a day? *Second choice*

Do you vote to take the library room at four dollars a day? *Last resort*

Do you prefer a one day or a two day Convention? *} yes*

If one day, do you wish an evening session?

If two days, do you wish one or two evening sessions? *One day & evening seems sufficient*

Write suggestions about program. Program a rushing good one

*think "standing rule" plan excellent*

*J. H. [Signature]*

From letter of Mrs. E. H. Hooker. of July 21st. 1911 .

Would it be possible for us to get in any free advertising in the Woman's Journal apropos of our campaign fund? We are trying to raise \$10,000 for the campaign this fall, and wish to advertise that fact as widely as possible in order to let people know.

Estes Park, Colo., July 22, 1911.

Dear Member of Official Board:

Beginning with July 29th, my address will be Cliff House, Manitou, Colorado, for five days, after which I will be in Evanston.

Miss Ashley has sent me a lease for the entire floor of 505 Fifth Ave., to be signed by Mrs. Stewart and me. It is in usual form and to run from August 1, 1911 to February 1, 1912, at a yearly rental of \$5000.00. Some of you have already informally approved the plan with certain conditions. I immediately wrote Miss Ashley to let me have the evidence that those conditions had been met so that I could recommend the formal approval of the lease. I also asked about the entire floor being rented by us. As I have had no reply from her, I make no recommendation. She must be away from New York, for it is ten days since I wrote her. Perhaps some of you may wish to overlook some of the conditions you have heretofore made. I shall sign the lease when I have the vote of the majority of the Board thus to do. My vote as Acting President will not count two if there be a tie, for that is not in accord with parliamentary practice.

The first of August is near at hand and the Secretary, Mrs. Stewart, will be filling Chautauqua dates all of next week in Illinois however. If any of you wants the matter rushed, you can telegraph.

I have one bit of evidence to help meet the conditions. I have before me a letter signed by M. Carey Thomas saying the College Suffrage League will give about \$1400.00 towards the next six months' rent of \$2500.00 if Mrs. Dennet will do their secretary work. I cannot see how Mrs. Dennett, overwhelmed as she is, can add any more work, and fear it may mean the real dropping of that work. But as that matter is not in our province, we will probably accept the \$1400 and no questions asked.

In the event of certain conditions being met, Miss Clay has also promised to give \$5.00 per month on account of the lease if the convention disapproves of the Board so extending the lease. If Mrs. Belmont should give \$500.00 of which I have no evidence, there would only remain for the National, the \$75.00 per month contemplated by the last convention.

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When you vote on this matter please return votes on other matters submitted during the past four weeks and I will speedily announce the results.

(Signed) Catharine Wagh Mculloch

First V. P. N. A. S. A.

Do you instruct the First Vice President and the Recording Secretary of the N. A. W. S. A. to sign the six months lease referred to in letter of First Vice President, dated July 22nd, 1911 ?



Estes Park, Colo., July 24, 1911.

Dear Member of Official Board:

A letter today from Mrs. Lucy B. Johnston, the President of Kansas E. S. A., needs a prompt reply. We have had preliminary correspondence before this. She says: "I waited until after our State Executive Board Meeting to write you regarding Miss Gregg. We all are agreed that we want Miss Gregg to help in her own State. It would be almost unfair to her if she were not given the privilege. Then we need her. You must understand that the women who are now in charge of the work in Kansas have a most earnest desire to work with the National and most earnestly regret that there has ever been anything except loyal cooperation between our State and the National. As I remember the old arrangement about Miss Gregg was we were to provide for her expenses while in the State and the National would continue her salary. On those terms we can use her during the entire time beginning early in September. Mrs. Dennett writes me it is their plan to send one of your number to each of the campaign states during September."

I do not believe your former vote to offer Miss Gregg to Kansas contemplated giving her for the full time and so I submit two votes. I shall vote to let them have her for the full time up to election.

Altho' some of the votes are lacking on the recent matters submitted to you, I can report thus far:

On the proposition to employ Miss Wagner in Wisconsin, no votes were cast in favor. Votes against her employment were cast by Miss Clay, Miss Blackwell, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. McCulloch. Therefore, that proposition is lost. Miss Clay wrote, "As long as only the Association of which Mrs. Brown is President is the auxiliary of the N.A.W.S.A. I cannot see how we can consistently offer help except in response to the request of our auxiliary."

Miss Blackwell said, "I vote against giving any help to Wisconsin at present. California votes on the amendment in three months. After the fight there is lost or won, then we should turn in and help Wisconsin and other States."

Mrs. Stewart wrote, "This would be the most unwise use of National money we could possibly blunder into. She is persona non grata

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to the Wisconsin people. We know nothing of her past work to inspire confidence."

I voted "no" because more recent letters have confirmed my first impression that Miss Wagner deceived the League women into letting her work with them. The kindest letter about her came from Miss Lyman, the V. P. of the League who said that she believed if Miss Wagner was bound to work in Wisconsin, the League would better take her as she might do them more good than harm.

Ada James, the President had a long talk with her later about some of her deceptions and Miss Wagner then said she would go back to New York in August. Since then I sent to Ada James, Mrs. DeVoe's letter denying that she had made any attempt to get Miss Wagner to work with the State Association and Mrs. Brown's letters are also vigorous in denial. Mrs. Brown has been so much annoyed by Miss Wagner that some of Miss Wagner's doings which might not be offensive in Chicago or New York distress Mrs. Brown very much. Recent Milwaukee street meetings written up by the "funny" reporter make Mrs. Brown fear that the headlines hoodlums will all be awakened to vote against the measure. The' I am a member of the Wisconsin W. S. A., I have faith in the League women that they will do nothing unbecoming gentlewomen and I do not share Mrs. Brown's fears, especially if August finds Miss Wagner going to New York.

Mrs. Brown has asked me today if she can have Miss Grimm for October instead of September, as she can place her to better advantage than as she was planning at first. I wrote her it would make no difference to the National and I would see whether Miss Grimm's Illinois dates for October could not be changed to suit Mrs. Brown.

You will all probably agree that Miss Blackwell's offer to let Wisconsin have two editions was a kindly way of dealing with a delicate situation.

The other matters submitted by Miss Clay have four votes, a majority in favor and none against. Those voting in favor were Miss Blackwell, Mrs. Dennett, Mrs. Stewart and Mrs. McCulloch. We can be sure Miss Clay is also in favor, tho' she made no formal vote. Therefore the proposition is carried to have the letters of the Official Board for other members typewritten and duplicated and the expense for this and the postage paid from the National treasury.

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Miss Blackwell's suggestions about Mrs. Dennett's literature scheme are well put but am I mistaken in thinking that matter is in the hands of the Literature Committee ? If our Mrs. Hartshorn of Chicago of whom I had such high hopes has completely failed to do anything, can we not get work out of the rest of the Literature Committee ? Or have all resigned ?

Will not the Treasurer furnish another monthly financial report to the Board after the excellent system of colored slips devised by her ? Our last report came down to February 28th and the next monthly report might have some synopsis of the data for the months since.

I sent you two days ago a vote on the lease question. The lease will be signed when four of you vote for it.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Catharine Waugh McCulloch.

Do you vote to let Miss Gregg work in Kansas for six months ?

Do you vote to let Miss Gregg work in Kansas from September, 1911 till November 1912, the National paying her salary ?

Richmond, Kentucky.

July 25th, 1911.

Mrs. E. H. Kinkaid,

New York.

Dear Madam,

Yours of July 17th is at hand.

I shall be glad to assist you as much as I can in preparing the article for Good Housekeeping; but I am afraid my personal activities will not greatly aid; as I live alone in my little flat, and occupy myself not at all in housekeeping but devote practically my whole time whilst there to my suffrage (or, as I am president of the Ky. Equal Rights Association, I should rather say my Equal Rights) work. In the summer, I live on my farm and devote myself to farming.

However, I have very decided views about housekeeping. I recognize that home-making will always occupy the great majority of women; therefore I think our schools and colleges should provide educational facilities to prepare girls and young women for home making as a life work. I am strongly in favor of making Domestic Science in all its branches a leading study, proficiency in which would entitle the student to equal credit as any other branch. I believe that by applying scientific methods to the various branches of domestic work they would be raised from mere drudgery, ~~which~~ demanding physical endurance more than skill intelligently directed, into professional dignity; and we might see the same transformation in the popular estimation of them as has been seen in a number of men's professions which have risen from the rank of mechanical employment to professional dignity by the fact that scientific

study has been required in preparation for them. No branch of human industry, it seems to me, would repay more richly such methods, since the health of children and invalids is in the hands of the home-makers, and the comfort and physical well-being of the family.

I believe many of the problems of the ever-pressing servant question are going to find solution by the direction of education to Domestic Science, so that highly educated young women will find an interesting field for their energies in bringing business principles to bear upon household management through their understanding of the science in domestic affairs and by the use of modern mechanical appliances for lessening the physical toil now required.

I enclose the photograph you asked for.

Very sincerely yours,

Copy.

Near Richmond, Kentucky.

July 27th, 1911.

My dear Mrs. McCulloch,

I have just received your letter of July 22nd, and I make no delay in answering it. You have not received a letter from Miss Ashley, dated July 18th, which was in answer to yours which you wrote ten days before the one of July 22nd. I received a copy of it from Miss Ashley; and in it she sends a quotation from a letter from Mrs. Belmont as follows:

"First, I quote from Mrs. Belmont's letter dated March 23rd- "

"Dear Dr. Shaw;

I have given full consideration to the matter of our conversation the other day in regard to continuing my contributions towards the rent of the National Headquarters and the maintenance of the Press Bureau. My conclusion is that at the expiration of the contract made with the National Board, which is August 1st next, I must discontinue my contributions to the Press Bureau. I am very anxious, however, to see the headquarters of the Association remain in New York City, and feel that it is a distinct advantage to the Association to have its headquarters here. I will agree to contribute during the twelve months, from August 1st, 1911, to August 1st, 1912, one thousand dollars towards the rent of headquarters for the National Association, if said Association remains in New York, and if you are re-elected National President for the next term of office".

This is the basis of our expectation of the \$500 contribution"

The underscored lines of Mrs. Belmont's letter (underscoring mine) contain a condition of which I had no information previously. Had I known the nature of her proposition I should have excluded it from the considerations upon which I based my vote. I think a proposition depending upon the contingency of a certain action by the Convention can receive neither consideration or a vote from me in my official capacity; but must await both till the proposition is laid before the Convention and considered there.

I am therefore greatly relieved that no action has been yet taken in which my vote recently sent in answer to a letter from Miss Ashley was a part of the of the transaction. I have not a copy of my letter,

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at hand, as I am now on my farm and my letter is in Richmond. But from my memory of what I said, I now annul all allusions to Mrs. Belmont's proposition. With this exception, I am willing that my vote as then given shall stand; as I am satisfied that the \$1400 from the College League will stand legally.

I wish to say that in my judgment no money at all should be accepted from Mrs. Belmont on the pledge quoted by Miss Ashley, but that it shall be referred to the Convention, and acted on solely by it.

As Miss Ashley writes that there is a straight vote without conditions for "going ahead", I do not think at this late day it is necessary for me to give any further vote. I prefer, however, that the N.A.W.S.A. shall pay five hundred dollars more than was expected rather than to accept anything from Mrs. Belmont on the proposition made.

I have previously returned my vote on sending Miss Wagner to Wisconsin. Of course, I vote Yes on the question I asked you to submit, viz: that the officers should have copies made of all official correspondence for all members of the Board, and that funds for type-writing and postage ~~has~~ be appropriated from the National Treasury.

For fear you may not quickly receive a quorum, and as time is pressing, I send my vote on the question you append to your letter.

Very sincerely yours,

*Laura Clay.*

Voting slip and my vote.

Do you instruct the First Vice-president and the Recording Secretary of the N.A.W.S.A. to sign the six months lease referred to in letter of First Vice President, dated July 22nd, 1911?

Yes; provided that no money is accepted from any body which is contingent upon any action of the Convention or of any member thereof.

*Laura Clay.*

Howell Place  
July 28<sup>th</sup> 1911

My dear Miss Clay

I will vote first and  
talk afterwards, I vote 1<sup>st</sup> for the Red Room  
second for the Library. To have one day  
Convention and <sup>one</sup> evening session for business.

I spoke to the ladies about the Clubs electing  
their own delegates to the National and they  
seemed to think it better for the State to select  
the delegates one for each hundred members  
as being more expedient. Of course the large  
Clubs would always want one, this will give  
the small Clubs a chance just the same.

You and I know that other conventions are  
far away there is no rush of delegates and we  
generally have to select some one that can go.  
They will discuss this, also the change in the  
National Constitution and will have decided  
both these questions before the Convention.

We are to have a Lawn party August 3<sup>d</sup> on  
Dr Southgate's lawn. I will do all I can for the  
Lucy Stone Celebration. I would have answered



you immediately but hoped to be able to tell you  
that I was going to attend the Convention but  
I do not believe it possible, and I am so  
disappointed. Last year it was sickness, now  
One daughter is to be married the 25<sup>th</sup> of Oct.  
and another is expecting a visit from the South.  
they kept their affairs so quiet that neither  
knew of the others arrangements, until every  
thing was settled, Nancy, the one to be married,  
says she will change her date to the 23<sup>d</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup>  
but unless it was over before that time I  
would be afraid the other one would need one.  
She will have a nurse so that if the baby came  
early in the month I could leave her. Nancy  
leaves immediately after the ceremony for an  
eastern trip and perhaps they will go south  
also. I have not determined yet positively, but  
I tell you the circumstances so if I am  
not on hand you will understand. Our Club  
will be well represented. I met Mr Price <sup>Representative</sup> Monday  
and sold him two tickets for the Lawn party.  
I said he would be there.

Very sincerely

W. S. McLaughlin

*My copy,*

Near Richmond, Kentucky.

July 28th, 1911.

Dear Miss Ashley,

Yours of July 19th was duly received.

In reply, I think your interpretation of the constitution is correct, - that the books are to be audited till Jan. 1st, 1911. I think this regulation has always been observed, except by request of the Board, another auditing was done last year to bring the books up to the time Mrs. Upton turned them over to you.

Miss Blackwell and I have agreed that she will come to Kentucky some time before the Convention and we will audit the books together. If any thing prevents her carrying out her present plan, she will no doubt notify you in time; and it will be her province, I suppose, to provide a substitute who is acceptable to the Board. If anything should prevent her doing this, as I am sending a copy of this letter to all members of the Board, I take the opportunity to say that in that case I desire the Board to select some one to assist me in auditing, as I do not care to assume the responsibility of auditing the books alone when I am wholly unacquainted with your book-keeping.

You ask what I want for the auditing. You will observe that the constitution requires that the treasurer keep a detailed report of all receipts and disbursements; that she shall pay no bill of the General Association except on an order of the President and Recording Secretary, but may disburse the funds of Standing Committees when directed to do so by an authorized person. To verify the books according to these requirements on the treasurer would require verifying the detailed reports and the orders of the president and secretary. This includes verifying the fact that the bills are those of the General Association and not of a Committee. I call attention to this point because in the copy of your letter to Miss Gordon dated July 24th you speak of Miss Gordon's expenses

*Very copy*

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for the S.B. Anthony Woman Suffrage Fund as being paid from the General Treasury. I have not my Board meeting minutes at hand; but according to my recollection all expenses connected with raising this fund were to be paid from the sum raised. If my recollection is correct, bills against the General Treasury for these expenses would not pass the auditors. If Miss Gordon and Miss Shaw desire them to be paid from the general treasury Miss Shaw will have to put out a vote to reconsider and pass a different resolution.

I do not think of anything else than what you recapitulate, - the books; the cancelled checks; the bills; the receipts; the orders; and in addition the balances at the bank. But as the auditing requires the verification of the accounts of the Association, we might have to call for some other item which now escapes my attention. It is these things which makes the auditing very troublesome with a new treasurer. You do not know the previous votes of the Board, and might readily make such mistakes as the suppositional instance I mentioned above.

The copy of your letter to Miss Gordon suggests the possibility that the letter of the two auditors recently sent out was misunderstood relative to the two S.B.A. funds. I have always audited the S.B.A. Woman Suffrage Fund, as I was made its auditor at the Convention of 1907 (see minutes of 1907). It was in relation to the S.B.A. Memorial Fund, informally called the Thomas-Garrett Fund, that the auditors asked a construction.

If I can give any further assistance in suggesting points to be considered in the auditing, I shall be glad to do so.

Very truly yours,

ELKHORN LODGE  
ESTES PARK, COLO.  
Mrs. W. E. James and Sons, Proprs.

July 28, 1911.

My dear Miss Clay,

Please send your  
votes on matters submitted by  
me during the last week to Miss  
Shaw. I only learned yesterday  
afternoon from Woman's Journal  
of July 22, remailed from Evanston,  
that she was home. Evidently  
she has been home more  
than ten days and I never  
knew it. I wrote her at once  
sending her the unsigned lease.  
I am very glad she is home but  
wish I had known it for  
she may resent my sending  
out those votes even when  
she was in the country.

Since <sup>writing her</sup> I received a telegram  
saying Miss Ashley had sent

I am notifying Miss Gordon and Mrs. Stewart to send votes to Miss Shaw

me the result of the vote and evidence that conditions were met. I received neither from Miss Ashley & so I wrote in another letter to Miss Shaw saying also that if I had received the so called "result of vote" from Miss Ashley I should not have held it a vote as no Treasurers had authority to submit votes.

This is your theory approved by Miss Gordon and Mrs. Stewart. We may hear something about this again & so I let you know that I have said it. Alice Blackwell's letter about not dropping "America" is good. in W. J. July 22. I don't see why mine sent a month ago is still unprinted.

Hastily yours L. W. Mculloch

*Copy.*

Near Richmond, Ky.

July 29th, 1911.

Dear Mrs. McCulloch,

I am very glad to learn from your letter of July 24th of the resumption of perfectly cordial relations between the Kansas F.S. A. and the National. Therefore, since their whole Executive Committee ask it, I vote with great cheerfulness to give them all the aid the N.A.W. S.A. has it in its power to do.

(1) I vote that we let Miss Gregg work in Kansas for six months, if we cannot send her for a longer time.

(2) I greatly prefer, however, sending her from Sept., 1911, to the middle of November, 1912, if we have the funds to do it. I do this, not only to help the work in Kansas, but because I think we owe much to Miss Gregg for her many years of faithful work for the National and I feel we should do all that is possible to give her the opportunity to work in her own state, and thereby testify to our confidence in her and our appreciation of her. At the same time, in order not to get the National mixed up with state quarrels, and have our latter relations worse than the first, I accompany both of these votes with the condition that the Kansas suffragists be informed that we donate Miss Gregg to them at their request, and that we do not hold ourselves responsible in any way for the conduct of the campaign, and that we do not desire to control Miss Gregg's work in any way whatever. In fact, on the same understanding on which we put her in Arizona, where everybody was satisfied, and nobody grumbling at the National. We can trust Miss Gregg's loyalty that she will in nowise injure the National.

As Miss Shaw is now at home, pro bahy she will collect the votes about Kansas; but as I am following the new rule of sending wopies to all members, this vote will answer just as well as if sent directly to her.

Very sincerely yours,

*Laura Clay.*



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My dear Miss Clay  
I received here  
today yours of the 27<sup>th</sup> and  
will cut off from the letter  
the vote and mail to Miss  
Shaw. You said certain  
other things in the letter which  
perhaps you may not want  
her to see and again you may.  
All she gets from me is  
the vote & you can add the  
other things separately if you  
wish.

No I have not received  
the July 18 letter from Miss  
Ashley either here or at Elk Horn  
tho. others from her have  
come safely through. So I am  
very glad to read in your

letter the quotation from the  
Belmont letter. I wish  
we could have known about  
that letter in March. I agree  
with you that it is no reliable  
promise of \$500<sup>00</sup> for our  
rent and I am very sorry  
too that she will no longer  
support the Press Work.

I can not see how Miss  
Ashley could claim "a straight  
vote for going ahead" even if  
she had authority to submit a  
vote for you, Miss Gordon &  
Mrs. Stewart affixed conditions  
which have not been met &  
I never voted for the lease  
even conditionally.

This keeping some of the  
Board in ignorance of the  
exact facts and giving us  
erroneous conclusions from  
such facts does not seem



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to me ethical.

I received your vote on the stenographer + postage question in this last letter of yours but as you see from my later letter of July 24 or 25 I had really assumed that you were with us and declared the result.

You will notice that on the Wagner proposition we only had four votes yours, Miss Blackwells, Mrs. 'Stewart's' and mine. I had hoped Miss Gordon would vote on that with us but no answer came from her. She has always been insistent on our not interfering in

Ashley that you are preparing for a correct auditing. If Alice Blackby  
should fail you on auditing, why not hire some woman book keeper & help + have  
Board pay the bill?

Yours truly

Catherine W. M. [unclear]

States matters. If she  
could be persuaded to change  
her general attitude and vote  
for forcing Miss Wagner on  
Wisconsin, I fear Miss Shaw  
Miss Ashley + Mrs. Dennett  
would do the same + then  
with a vote of 4 to 4 I  
fear Miss Shaw would declare  
the vote carried even now.

Perhaps you may recall  
my intimating that Miss  
Shaw could do so unparliamentary  
a thing ~~but~~ tho I admire  
and love her, I think this  
no more than she has done  
~~before~~ might be expected to do  
by the New York contingent  
I see from your copy of letter to Miss

July 3<sup>11</sup>