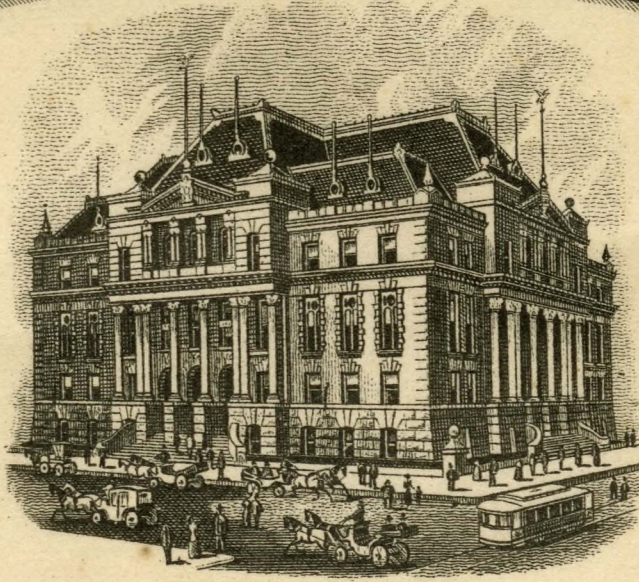


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August 6, 1917.

Mrs. Minnie Fisher Cunningham,
Galveston, Texas.

Dear Madam:

As per your request of the 1st inst. I am enclosing herewith excerpts from the provisions of the Penal Code of this State concerning the keeping of "pawdy houses" and "disorderly houses". There are many other provisions, but the ones here enclosed are I believe the ones which will concern you mainly.

If you should desire further information in any particular, I shall be pleased to furnish you with the same,.

Yours truly,


County Attorney.

Article 496, Penal Code of Texas;-

dealer "BAWDY HOUSE" AND "DISORDERLY HOUSE" DEFINED.-- A "bawdy house" is one kept for prostitution or where prostitutes are permitted to resort and reside for the purpose of plying their vocation. A "disorderly house" is any assignation house or any theater, playhouse or house where spirituous, vinous or malt liquors are kept for sale, and prostitutes, lewd women or bad reputation for chastity are employed, kept in service or permitted to display or conduct themselves in a lewd, lascivious or indecent manner, or to which persons resort for the purpose of smoking or in any manner using opium, or any house in which spirituous, vinous or malt liquors are sold or kept for sale, without first having obtained a license under the laws of this state to retail such liquors; or any house located in any county, justice precinct or other subdivision of a county where the sale of intoxicating liquors has been prohibited under the laws of this state, in which such non-intoxicating malt liquor is sold or kept for sale, as it requires the seller thereof to obtain internal revenue license under the laws of the United States as a retail malt liquor; or any house located in any county, justice precinct or other subdivision of a county in which the sale of intoxicating liquor has been legally prohibited, where the owner, proprietor or lessee thereof has posted license issued by the United States of America, authorizing such owner, proprietor or lessee thereof to pursue the occupation and business of a retail liquor dealer, or a retail malt liquor dealer.

Article 500, provides that any person who shall ~~deceitfully~~--- directly or as agent for another, or through any agent, keep or be concerned in keeping, or aid or assist, or abet in keeping a bawdy or a disorderly house, in any house, building, edifice or tenement, or shall knowingly permit the keeping of a bawdy house or a disorderly house in any house, building edifice or tenement owned, leased, occupied or controlled by him, directly or as agent for another, or through any agent, shall be deemed guilty of keeping or being concerned in keeping, or knowingly permitted to be kept, as the case may be, a bawdy house or a disorderly house, as the case may be, and on conviction, shall be punished by a fine of two hundred dollars, and by confinement in the county jail for twenty days for each day he shall keep, be concerned in keeping or knowingly permit to be kept such bawdy or disorderly house.

Article 501 provides that any owner, lessee, or the agent of either, controlling the premises, having information that the premises or being kept, used or occupied as a bawdy or disorderly house, shall be held guilty of knowingly permitting the premises to be kept as a bawdy house or disorderly house, unless he shall immediately proceed to prevent such keeping using or occupying of said premises, by giving information to the county or district attorney, against the persons violating the provisions of this act, or take such other action as may reasonably accomplish such result.