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January 1, 1917.

Miss M. Eleanor Brackenridge, Hon. President,
Texas Equal Suffrage Association,
Washington Heights,
San Antonio, Texas.

Dear Members of the Executive Board:

Some time in December, I asked Mrs. Moore to place before you for action my application for a salary. The majority of the Board has voted favorably in this matter, but a minority feel that it would weaken the Cause to have our President salaried and that devoted women can be found who will give their time fully to this work.

I think it is not necessary for me to say, after my years of service to the Cause, that I hold it first and that I would not for one moment, or for any consideration, do anything which would weaken our Cause in this hour when, with a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, we are expecting to gain a magnificent victory, - the passage of the Federal Amendment. And so I withdraw my application to the Board for a salary though the State Convention itself suggested it last May and would have voted it had I not spoken against as I did, because of the then condition of our finances.

But at the same time the conditions which prompted my application still exist and make it impossible for me to continue as President of our organization without relief in this matter of the personal expense it has grown to be, and so I tender my resignation herewith, to take effect after our usual January Board meeting, which I hereby call for January 21st, at Austin; hour and place of meeting to be named later.

At this meeting, my successor in office can get a full grasp of the situation, and I pledge to her the fullest cooperation in her future work that I am physically able to give her; and by that time our financial campaign should have proceeded so far as to have the organization completely out of debt.

With best wishes for a Happy New Year and a heart full of thanks to you for the cordial and splendid cooperation you have given me in all things that I have undertaken for our glorious Cause, and since the war for your magnificent patriotic service, I am,

Faithfully yours,

MFC-BHL

President.