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Dallas, Texas, August 1st, 1918

Mrs Minnie Fisher Cunningham, President,
Texas Equal Suffrage Association,
Galveston, Texas.

My Dear Mrs Cunningham:-

This is to advise you that I will not be present at the Board Meeting called for August 5th, in Austin. In the first place you have my ~~xxxxxx~~ statement which you can and will present to the Board, and in the second place it may not be quite proper for me to be present. I have no fight to make in this matter. Personally, I should be glad to see every bill insident to or in the name of suffrage be paid from the Treasury of the State Association, and in the past, I have approved every bill presented to me without question and which I did not always fully understand but your approval on the bill was sufficient satisfaction to me, and it is yet, personally, but the deficit of nearly \$3,000 for the year ending May 1918 was the cause of caustic criticisms which wounded me deeply and I felt thaty were just, in most instances, for, perhaps I have been derelict in following the letter of the law- The Constitution, Executive Board Meetings and Annual Conventions is the authority under which the officers must operate. The President and Secretary have equal authority in ordering the Treasurer to disburse the funds of the Association, subject to the injunction of the Constitution, Executive Board and Annual Convention. The Convention in Austin by resolution and direct charge ordered and outlined the work of the Officers for the year 1918-19, as I understood their meaning. I want to do my duty, I have no desire to usurp your authority nor my own, it is just a different construction we place upon what we, as officers were ordered to do.

By the Constitution the Secretary must approve all bills before same may be paid by the Treasurer. There is no revocation of this duty in the minutes of any of the Executive Board or Convention meetings, but, only a few of the bills are sent to me for approval. Why should any of them be sent? Have this all thrashed out at your meeting and see that a very correct record is made of this meeting so that I may be advised just what is my duty. Please have all unpaid bills up to the present passed upon by the Board and let me have the order outlining my duty for the futarst and I shall follow it to the letter. *no unpaid bills*

Mrs Cunningham is it possible for you to give out a statement at least once per month as to what is done or being contemplated at State Headquarters, this statement to include a financial statement of funds received, and from what source; how disbursed & etc? This statement to be sent to each Executive Board Member.

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I should also like for this statement to be sent to the Presidents of all affiliated organizations, because, so far as I am concerned, there are no secrets that we should keep from these officers.

Sometimes it is very embarrassing to me for the reporters to call asking for information, or for business men and politicians to ask for information that I know no more about than they, such for example, the conference ~~of~~ in Galveston, preparatory to defend the Constutionality of the Suffrage Law.?? This is a little consideration I would greatly appreciate.

Thanking you for a copy of Board Meeting Minutes, I remain,
Very sincerely yours,

Mrs John Davis

Rec. Sec.
Texas Equal Suffrage Association.