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CHESTER, TEXAS

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

Dear Mrs. Cunningham,-

I must say that I am very sorry that conditions are just as they are, and, too, that owing to these conditions you deem it necessary to transfer the duty of approving bills to me. It is embarrassing to all concerned. However, I hope all things can be adjusted without any reflection being thrown on our organization.

Mrs. Cunningham, I do assure you that I am willing to perform any duties for our Association that are altogether legitimate and proper, and necessary for its welfare, that I am competent to do. I shall not hesitate to do this at all times, regardless of my personal preferences. But, now, speaking personally to you, I want to ask you what you think about the propriety of delaying action on all points of dispute, until our next regular Board meeting, which, I presume, will be in October. You are aware that some of the Directors feel that you have rather overstepped the bounds of the constitution (however, I believe they think even if you did, that you had the welfare of the cause uppermost in your heart.) Too, you know the position taken by Mrs. Davis, that is she is not willing to be relieved of the duty and burden of approving bills without different procedure. Perhaps she was not aware of the circumstances that you mention in your letter, that is that up until Miss Stuart married and moved out of the state, leaving the organization without a Corresponding Secretary, that this duty was performed by the corresponding Secretary, and that this duty was then transferred to her by you, owing to Miss Stuart's absence. At the Board meeting you could lay all points in controversy before them for their discussion and decision, personally. And then and there you may make any and all appointments etc. that you deem necessary for the good of our work, and we could formally ratify same, leaving no room for complaint. I merely mention this as a suggestion, *and not as advice.*

Could it be termed that you were appointing me to perform the duty of approving bills? If so the Constitution says, "All appointments made by the President shall be ratified by the Executive Board."; Or is it my implied duty as Corresponding Secretary? If it is, I should have been performing it all along. I know our constitution says, "Treasurer shall pay bills only on orders signed by the President and Secretary." I must admit that I do not know, for a certainty, whether it is customary with organizations for the Recording or Corresponding to do this. But I see from your letter, in the case of our organization, it has been left largely to the Cor. Sec.

Since things have become a little unsettled, you know it is especially necessary that we move with careful deliberation, for fear there might be room for something to be construed in a way to cast reflection on our organization or some of its members, individually.

Please write me frankly and fully about this matter, and I assure ^{you} that I will do my duty as I see it, willingly.

Yours sincerely,

Anna B. Cade,

Since reflecting I hardly think there is any necessity of deferring this to the Ex Board.