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My dear Mr. Clay:-

At the "Smith-ham" arrium  
stands beyond my control prevent  
my coming & contribution -

But I am still a candidate  
for 3 V. Pres - and while my chances  
will be lessened by my not being  
in evidence, some of my friends  
are so kind as to think I may  
win out - Mrs. McCulloch  
of Ill. is going to do all she  
can & Mrs. Maud Howard Elliott  
of R. I. would be glad and for  
you to confer with. If you are  
not already committed to the sup-



John if some one else find the position  
I feel I can depend upon you  
I feel that we must adopt a  
firm policy if we are not to de-  
feal our own aims - Show you  
want of that sound a balance  
of judgment & only needed way  
Loh.

Ever faithfully & affectionately,  
E. G. W. [Name]



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Nov. 14, 1914.

Miss Laura Clay, Vice Pres. W. S. Conference,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Madam:-

Our literary society is to a public debate on the  
Woman Suffrage question on Friday night, Nov. 27. Will you  
kindly furnish me with all the argument or extracts possible  
sustaining the question.

I am a reader of the New Southern Citizen, and  
strongly favor the work that you good women are doing, and  
sincerely hope that Texas will be the next state to adopt the  
Suffrage amendment.

Thanking you in advance for the favor sought in the  
premises, I am yours,

Most respectfully,

A. C. Price



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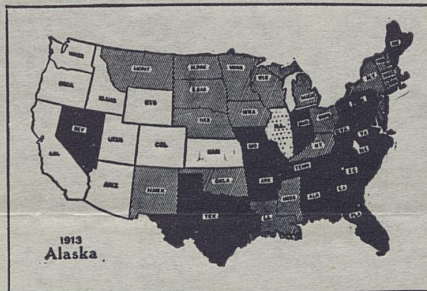
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Miss Laura Clay,  
189 N. Mill St.  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Miss Clay:

It gives me great pleasure to send you the original petition presented by you and others to the Convention, in connection with the bill for federal suffrage.

I am so glad that we are going to take up this measure more vigorously, for, of course, if we could possibly accomplish this thing, it would bring about full suffrage in the states very rapidly, in my opinion.

I hope that by the time of the next Convention, we shall have made great steps forward all along the line.

Believe me,

Cordially yours,

*Susan W. FitzGerald*  
Recording Secretary.

*Enclosure*



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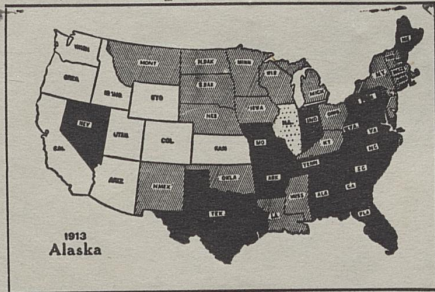
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Treasurer  
Kentucky Equal Rights Association  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Friend:

At the recent Convention held at Nashville, Tenn. the Kentucky Equal Rights Association pledged themselves to buy one share of stock in the National Woman Suffrage Publishing Company. Just as soon as payment is made we will forward stock certificate properly filled out.

Thanking you most heartily for your cooperation, we are,

Cordially yours,

NATIONAL WOMAN SUFFRAGE  
PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

*Cyrus W. Field*  
President

Dear Miss Laura —  
I don't remember who made this pledge  
Was it you or Mrs. Bennett? Or is it to be paid  
from the State fund? —  
W. W. D. A. —



Richmond, Kentucky.

Nov. 28th, 1914.

Mrs. Cyrus W. Field,

National Woman Suffrage Publishing Co.,

Dear Madam,

Please find enclosed my check for twenty dollars, & twenty-five cents for exchange.

Ten dollars is for my own purchase of one share of stock in the N.W.S. Publishing Co., and ten dollars for one share for the Kentucky Equal Rights Association, for which I pledged at the N.A.W.S.A. Convention at Nashville. The Ky.E.R.A. is incorporated under the laws of Kentucky, and you can send the Stock Certificate to its president, Mrs. Desha Breckinridge.

Another blank has been sent me for the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference; but I think that must be a mistake. I did not pledge to take a share of stock for the S.S.W.S. Conference; but I did pledge fifty dollars to be used for the work of the N.A.W.S. Association from the Conference, to be paid within a year. If any one pledged to take a share for the S.S.W.S. Conference I do not know who it was. I therefore return that blank.

Cordially yours,



Richmond, Kentucky.

Nov. 28th, 1914.

A.C. Price, Editor.

Ladonia, Texas.

Dear Sir,

Your letter of the 14th inst. was awaiting me when I returned from an absence of some weeks. I am not now at our headquarters, and so I could not myself select the literature you desired; but I telephoned, and I hope some may have arrived in time for your debate or at least that it may be useful to you for reference later.

I am glad to learn that you are in favor of suffrage for women and that you are a reader of the New Southern Citizen. The Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference had a very successful convention in Chattanooga, as you may have seen from the papers. We did not declare that the Conference endorsed the Democratic party or that it stood for States Rights. We had found that such declaration would limit our usefulness, as many who do not agree with those opinions are in sympathy with our "immediate object; to make the Democratic Party declare itself for Votes for Women in its next National Platform". Therefore, we contented ourselves with that clause in our little constitution which declares that we are for suffrage for women, "preferably by state action."

Many of the delegates to the Conference went also to the Convention of the National Suffrage Assn. at Nashville. There much discussion was given to National Amendments for woman suffrage. Usually the Southern women took little interest in these discussions, as most of them prefer state action. However, they are in favor of the proposition, which was also endorsed by the Convention, that



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the Congressional Committee of the N.A.W.S.A. be instructed "to ~~inxs~~ investigate and promote the right of women to vote for United States Congressmen and Senators, and Presidential electors, by Congressional action. We have been informed that many eminent authorities think that Congress possesses the power to give this amount of Federal suffrage to women by the original U.S. Constitution, unaffected by the later amendments. As such action would in no manner conflict with the right of the States to control suffrage in the States, the women of States' Rights views regard this proposition with much favor. If women possessed this amount of political power by Congressional action we could hope that they might without great difficulty attain for themselves constitutional amendments in the several states which would extend suffrage to women with such qualifications and restrictions as sectional problems might seem to demand.

Hoping that you will continue to aid the good cause of Votes for Women, I am

Very truly yours,

*Laura Clay*

Vice-Pres. Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference.



Richmond, Ky.

Nov. 28th, 1914.

My dear Mrs. Hubbard,

I regret that you were not at the Owensboro Convention. We are showing great progress in the Suffrage cause and I think you would have enjoyed it.

The Board has been discussing ways and means for continuing its vigorous work to get ready for the submission of a constitutional amendment by the legislature of 1915. I recalled that you had expressed a willingness that the thousand dollars you gave to the Ky. E. R. A. for a campaign might be expended before the question was submitted to the voters. At that time, I advised that you should adhere to your original intention, and that it should be kept till the question was actually submitted. But since then I have changed my mind. I think our question is gaining so rapidly now that it will be easier to get money when the question is submitted than it is now; and that we can use the money to better advantage now than later. You may remember that I told you I was keeping the Bruce legacy for the time of the campaign. But I have been convinced that earlier is the best time for its expenditure, ~~and~~ and last summer when the National A. W. S. A. returned a thousand dollars which I had loaned it, I at once turned it over to the Ky. E. R. A. for current expenses. So I am now writing to ask you if you are willing and will authorize the Board of the Ky. E. R. A. to spend for current expenses the donation of a thousand dollars which is now in the Savings Bank, being reserved until a constitutional amendment is submitted? The remainder of the Bruce fund, which I intend for the Ky. E. R. A. is invested so that it is bringing six per cent, and without taxes for the larger part of it; whilst your thousand is in the Savings Bank, and drawing only three per cent, ~~wixkax~~



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without taxes.

If you are willing that your generous donation should be used at once for the preparatory campaign, please write to me to that effect, so that I can let the Board know of your decision.

We have had two delightful conventions, first, of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference, at Chattanooga, and then the N.A.W.S.A. convention at Nashville. Both of the conventions showed a great growth of suffrage sentiment, and a great promise for speedy success for our cause. I am particularly hopeful of a plan of the National to have its Congressional Committee "investigate and promote the right of women to vote for United States Congressmen and Senators and presidential electors by Congressional action".

This much suffrage, we are told by distinguished authority, may be granted by a simple bill passed by Congress, which would become law without reference to the States, and which would not run counter to the States & Rights doctrine. I am much more hopeful of some result from this effort than from an attempt to get passed an amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting suffrage to women.

I hope that your health is pretty good.

Please let me hear about the use of your thousand dollar gift.

Very cordially your friend,



Richmond, Ky.

Nov.30th, 1914.

My dear Mrs.Harrison,

I have recently returned from three suffrage conventions; and I am writing to you especially about that of the Southern States Woman Suffrage Conference, which met in Chattanooga, just previous to the N.A.W.S.A. convention in Nashville. I am sending you by this mail a marked copy of a Chattanooga paper which will give you many items too long for me to write.

This is the first convention of the Conference since its organization a year ago, and hence we had to take much for granted in completing the organization. I hope you will not think we ought not to have selected you, as we did, for vice-president from Kent-cky.

Mrs. Breckinridge indicated you as one whom she thought admirably fitted for the place last year; and if I had not had such a long spell of illness and then a long absence from Lexington, I should have much liked a conversation with you about the work of the Conference. As it is, I will say briefly that in Miss Gordon's words, it is meant to be a "flank movement" for woman suffrage and by no means a rival of the N.A.W.S.A. In fact, Miss Anna Shaw, Mrs. Breckinridge, Mrs. Miller, and others prominent in the N.A.W.S.A. are members of the Southern Conference. As Mrs. Somerville said aptly,

"There is so much said by Southern men that Southern women do not want suffrage we just had to have something and call it Southern".

At this convention we avoided declaring for States' rights or for the Democratic party, but contented ourselves with the clause in our little constitution, which says we want suffrage for women "preferably by State action". We have two forms of individual membership, -non-dues paying and dollar memberships. Those joining as



paid members have the privilege of voting at the conference, for we are distinctively a Conference, and not an association, occupying the time of the convention in discussing plans and methods of work. The dollar members, also, receive our monthly paper, the New Southern Cotozen, a very creditable publication.

I consider Miss Kate M. Gordon, the president, one of the ablest women known to me in the suffrage work. She has already put the Conference on a good financial basis, and the four years, in which she hopes and thinks its special work will have been accomplished. The Press Department already reaches nearly a thousand Southern newspapers with its press matter. Miss Gordon is much of her time in the field, and she proposes to have series of conferences in different states where the work most calls for them. If the conference at Chattanooga is any thing like a probable sample, they are bound to do a world of good. The systematic and careful distribution of literature also, is one of the things the Conference has already established. In fact, no time has been lost since its organization last year.

I was desired to write to you, and obtain your consent for the publication of you name as vice-president for Kentucky. The place has only nominal duties; with the hope that you will attend the annual conference, where your advice as to methods and work will be greatly valued. Now please, dear Mrs. Harrison, do not refuse this kindness to me, for so I shall esteem it. I want you as a representative of Kentucky; and I assure you that I do not know any way in which you can make an equal amount of effort go so far for the good of the cause of suffrage, which I know you support ardently.

Please let me hear your decision and I will send it to the Headquarters, 301 Carondelet Street.

New Orleans, La.

Hoping to have a favorable answer from you,