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Miss Lavinia L. Dock  
Fayetteville  
Pennsylvania.

Dear Miss Dock:

Acknowledging your recent comments, wish to state that I, too, have been questioning \* the attacks that have been made on the Party in somewhat the same light that you have expressed.

You will no doubt have received Notice of Postponement of the Convention. This was done upon advice of legal counsel. The case comes on for trial October 8th, and it is hoped that plans for the Convention can proceed again after the matter has been settled.

I am enclosing copy of Press Release with regard to a Reception that was held last Thursday for our foreign guests. We had a very encouraging number of members and friends in attendance.

Sincerely,

*Christabel F. Dodge*  
Christabel F. Dodge,  
Assistant.

*\* This refers to the accusations I have made against the rebels - as per copy enclosed for you -*

Copy of an article of Wrote for the Party <sup>with</sup> AL/1780

The dissenting persons, called the "Plaintiffs" stir, in my mind astonishment & profound disapproval. Their arguments are spiteful - personal & puerile. Their announcements excite contempt because so evident is it that the motion back of them is a desire to grasp & control the Belmont gifts & requests & the funds paid in by loyal members to the cause of the legal & Constitutional advancement of woman status.

We have seen that recently in the world at large there has been a violent & vicious attempt by egoistic groups given to control by monopoly all sources of wealth for their own unchallenged power.

Wars have been fought for this. Peace in this phase of evolution has not yet been attained - Our own country stands endangered by it -

I accuse & charge the dissidents from the Nat. Wom. Party with being - it may well be unconsciously, a part of this movement - & accuse them of helping - perhaps unintentionally, this dangerous atavism.

I charge them with blindness or ignorance of the fact that the primary social contest today is between the laboring classes & masses & the Big Money Power of the entire world - not only of our own country.

In this contest, if labor is degraded, woman will be degraded - If labor is defeated - woman will be defeated - If the masses of world laborers & landless classes are pushed back into a dependent status woman will not attain equality before the laws & genuine democracy will disappear.

I charge the dissidents with unfaithfulness to our Cause

L. J.

Sept 17/17

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