

Greenwich, Connecticut
October 28 th 1917.

My dear Mrs. Walker;

Yes, indeed, I shall be delighted to have your Mother's assistance to you in any way you and she may decide upon; our by-laws provide for several officers in each State and define the duties of each office; therefore your Mother can, if she prefers work "incognito," or I will appoint her to the office of "Assistant to the Chairman" or "First Vice Chairman" or "Second" or "Third Vice Chairman" - or "Registrar" or "Record-er" - or whatever office she chooses; I ^{do not} enclose copy of duties of office; as they are similar to those defined in Patriotic Societies "Parliamentary Rules"; we were just beginning to put this by-law into effect when our Country entered the war, and I deferred it so as not to take our members from war and relief work to do our work, as you recall I referred to in the circular letters I issued for the Order's gift to the Red Cross. Personally I believe the best way is to have several officers in each State, each one with a few duties, and in that way no officer is overburdened or finds the work of the Order to onerous, - and each Chapter's work thereby proceeds quickly and smoothly under the direction of the Chairman, I have never approved of the Chairmen doing any work other than pertains to the office of a

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State President, which the office of State Chairman is equivalent to. -- but the Founder founded ^{the Order to have} it with only one officer in each State, saying she did so in order to simplify work; but instead it ^{has} entailed on the Chairman so much work, (practically the whole work of several offices, that all other ancetral societies have specified officers for,) ~~that~~ the result has been that the Chairmen could not do it without giving up many hours a day to it, - and in other ways the inefficacy of that system was demonstrated, especially when we started our gift for the Red Cross, because several Chairmen were away for the summer, or ill, or had illness in their families, and wrote they could not attend to it, and did not know any members to suggest for me to appoint as Acting Chairmen in their absences, as most members were preparing to leave for the Summer and there would not be time for them to get initiated into the office, so they could attend to getting their circulars issued at the same time ^{and as there was not time for me to write to make inquiries of my friends in more States as to suitable acting Chairmen} as the other State Chairmen; - hence all the routine work of their Chapters fell upon me personally -- and it has been very tremendous, taking it all together with all the work of my office and my personal work, and work in many other societies for the war, in "defense" and "relief".

The engraved invitations and Book of permits and by-laws have been ordered sent to you, and their payment has been arranged.

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yourself or ask your Mother to write me
write me about, and I will explain it.

I am returning the papers which you sent me so you can explain
to the ladies that the Order requires all dates, references to au-
thorities, etc., - and affidavits, ^{also} unless accompanied by letters of
affiliation from "Col. Dames" - Col. Mass" or "Mayflower Societies"

I am so sorry that the little circulars which I wrote

I hoped soon to send you are not yet printed; but there came up
some questions ~~that~~ as to amendments to our by-laws, which it
seemed best to have included, and so we have to wait for the next
meeting of the trustees in November.

You can of course sign your name to any letters ^{that} you ~~may~~ have
^{for you} written, or you can have your Mother write that "The State Chairman
desires her to say, etc.,,"-- and then sign her own name to it.

with my cordial regards to you both, I am very sincerely,

Gail Treat,

General
Order of Colonial Governors