

January 27, 1926.

Senator W. A. Garrett, Chairman,
Committee on Finance,
State Capitol,
Richmond, Virginia.

Dear Sir:

In 1916 the Legislature passed a Bill appropriating \$10,000. per annum for the years 1916 and 1917 and the payments therefrom were,

" - - - to be made by the State Auditor, by his warrants drawn upon the State Treasury, for the relief of needy Confederate women who are not upon the State pension rolls, and who are not inmates of any Confederate, independent or church homes or charitable institution."

The Bill further provided, in respect to the amounts that should be paid to each person, as follows:

" - - - provided, that only Confederate women who are residents of Virginia can be beneficiaries under this act, subject to its limitations and requirements, and that no beneficiary hereunder shall receive more than fifth dollars (\$50.00) in any one year."

Since the passage of said Bill, the Legislature has continued to make this appropriation without any increase. The Bill was passed at the urgent representation and solicitation of Mrs. Norman V. Randolph who has been devoting her life to helping needy and destitute Confederate women, as well as at the solicitation of others who were interested in this cause.

Before these payments can be made by the State, the worthiness of the applicant must be passed upon and approved by certain officers of the Relief Association of the Virginia Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and they are required to certify to the auditor of Public Accounts on blanks furnished by him, complete facts as to the worthiness of the applicant to receive the payment.