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To Miss Tarbell

Madam

After a long & exhaustive Examination of every available scrap of evidence as to the use made by the widows & spinsters who were allowed to vote in New Jersey for a brief period I found much testimony to prove they had voted in great numbers for the best candidates & most advanced laws, they lost their right through a piece of political chicanary.

Although you belong to that singular association of well to do

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women which is opposing the granting of political citizenship to those women who desire to use it, yet doubtless you would not make so flat footed a statement with out proof in behalf of several other New Jersey women who have spent considerable time in historical research in regard to this question I respectfully request that the American Magazine print your evidence —

it would also be of interest to inquire where else in this date woman had been given the franchise & what reason there is to believe she "made nothing of it" ?

Respectfully

Margaret Van Buren Rand

Feb 7 Jersey City.

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