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The Highlands,  
Washington, D.C.  
February 5, 1918

My dear Mrs. Cabot:  
I can only begin a letter to-  
night and I shall have to take it to it that  
for the New York address, which I haven't with  
me.

I can well imagine how late your trains have  
been, and I am very glad to know that you are  
standing it so well.

I have been to the Fort Administration Building  
 twice, the first time I had a brief talk with  
 Miss Spent; the second time I was introduced  
 to your desk, and, <sup>to</sup> Miss Braddock who will be  
 out of town for some time. I may see Mr. Walcott  
 tomorrow. He was angry yesterday. I have talked  
 our matters a little but I see it will take time  
 for him to understand the situation. Miss Brad-  
 dock said you came every day last summer  
 but she had very hazy ideas of what you  
 did!

The conference with the Secretary of War was postponed - I think, till this week; and it will probably be postponed again. S. Snow has

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gone and it will be for Mrs. Catt and Miss Pullison, - which will mean Mrs. Catt; for I think Miss Pullison always gives place to her. But at the close of our meeting on Thursday the whole atmosphere had changed. Mrs. Catt was ready to move that there be no interview with the Secretary Genl. Mc Cormack very emphatically stated she was not in favor of going up. If they would just hear the reports before they decide what to do! But that is the uniform procedure. First settle every thing; then hear what it is that you have settled.

I wish I could tell you about Mrs. Bulby but I only know what you heard when you were here, and from the same sources. There is friction with Miss Green, but she has had a little with some others. I am told that Mrs. Bulby has become persona non grata to all the office force.

None she has always been most kind & pleasant, & she has certainly displayed much energy with her department. I imagine the person to really tell you is Mrs. Smith. I fancy she knows all the facts, and you have

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great confidence in her, have you not? I  
don't see who is to take Mrs. Bulby's  
place, or it may all blow over. Don't let it  
worry you till you come back and talk to  
Mrs. Martin

I wish you could have stayed till the end of the  
month you would have gone with a better  
taste in your mouth.

I shall be very glad to see you, and am  
happy in the prospect of working with  
you.

Yours truly,  
Clara P. Lamar