

Los Angeles, Feb. 17, 1915

My Dearie -

Your letter, one from Mr. Ware and one from Mrs. Steele were all received about the same time. I have just answered Mr. Ware's and asked him to let you see it, which saves me tedious repetition. I am too nervous to guide my pen steadily.

I have been reading an old journal in an attempt to get at some facts. It is not very satisfactory, is too large to finish before replying.

Mrs. Steele's trying to establish her claim is no new thing. Early in my work I was surprised to receive letters from Mass. Dever, & Miss Emerson, Secy of the A. W. A. inquiring into statements she had made.

I started the home in March in 1890. In April, 17th Mrs. I sent 4 girls from the Steele Home to me, unannounced and I had not dishes enough nor bedding nor anything. Their shoes were full of holes, and their clothing so shabby I was ashamed to take them over to Spelman on Sunday; moreover they had no

change of clothing, but there were some remnants
of goods to be made up. On Apr. 26 I returned
them to Chatt. determined to have no connection
with her. She had 2 girls, Emma + Nancy at
Spelman. They brought over a bundle of their old
clothes, as Mrs. Steele told them to do, but I
refused to take them.

Miss Grant started in with me which proved
disastrous and very expensive to me. She stayed
only a short time.

Mrs. Marriage Allen, an English friend +
worker among the colored people in a benevolent
way, visited the Steele Home during the last days
I was there - then went to Spelman + we roomed
together at Miss Jiles. The very first night we
were there she gave me a check for \$100.00 +
told me to let Mrs. Steele entirely alone, for,
said she, "Mrs. Steele will either rule or ruin."

I hope to hear more later - am sorry
I cannot be more definite.

Sincerely,
L. M. L.

L. M. L. : F. L. A.

To Miss Amy A. Chadwick
From
Miss L. M. Lawson