



Petitions for Women's Suffrage

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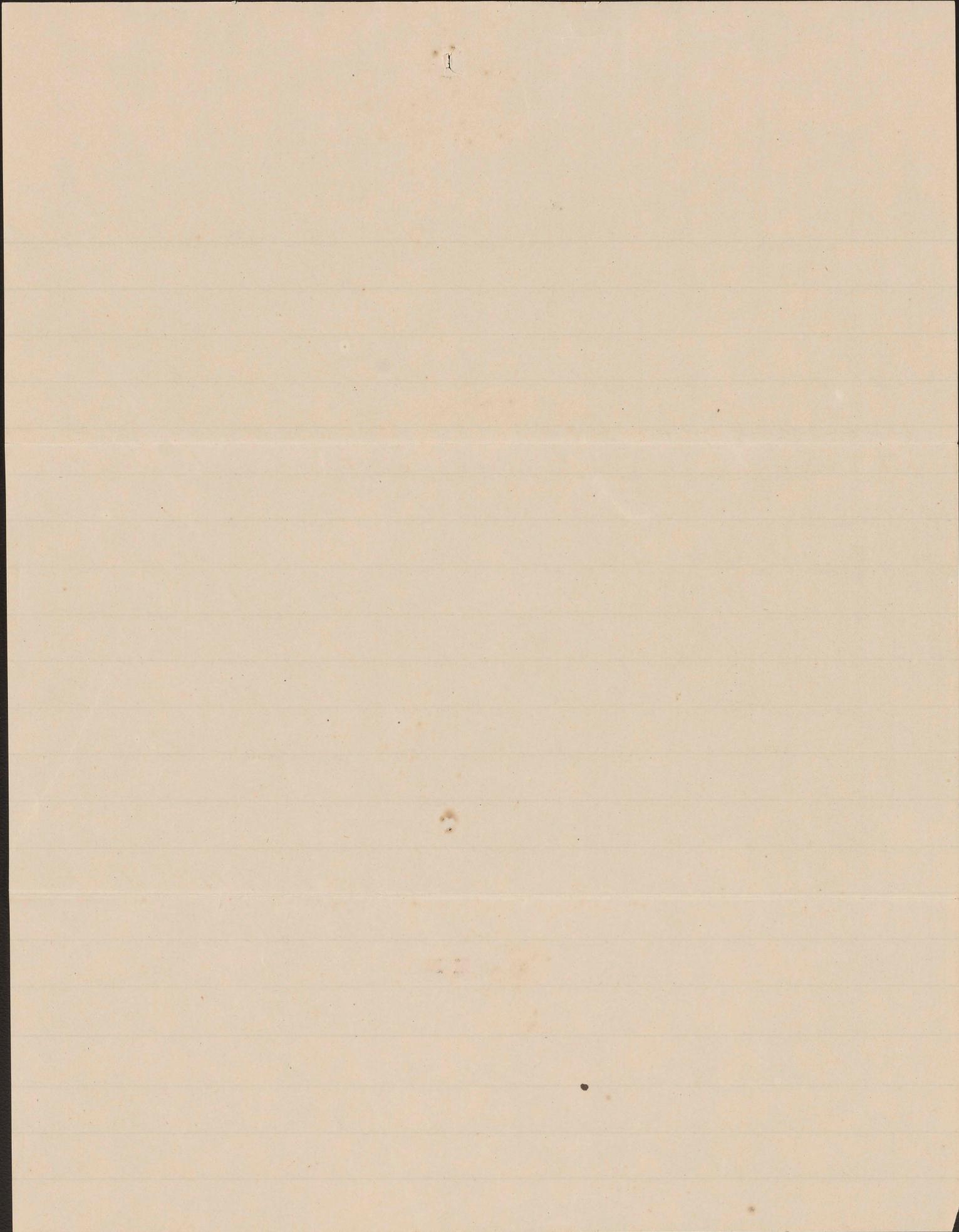
To the President of the Constitutional Convention of the Hawaiian Islands.

In presenting the herewith enclosed petitions of men and women, residents of Honolulu and Hilo, Hawaiian Islands, respectfully asking that by a provision of the Constitution women shall be entitled to the right of suffrage with an educational and property qualification; or that the legislature shall be authorized to hereafter grant such right, the committee through whom the petitions are presented, and on behalf of the petitioners beg leave to say;—

We do not ask this privilege for women on the ground of abstract rights. We have no controversy on this point to present nor any grievance to bring. We shall only attempt to show that by such an enactment the cause of good government will be promoted and that Hawaii-nee will thus maintain

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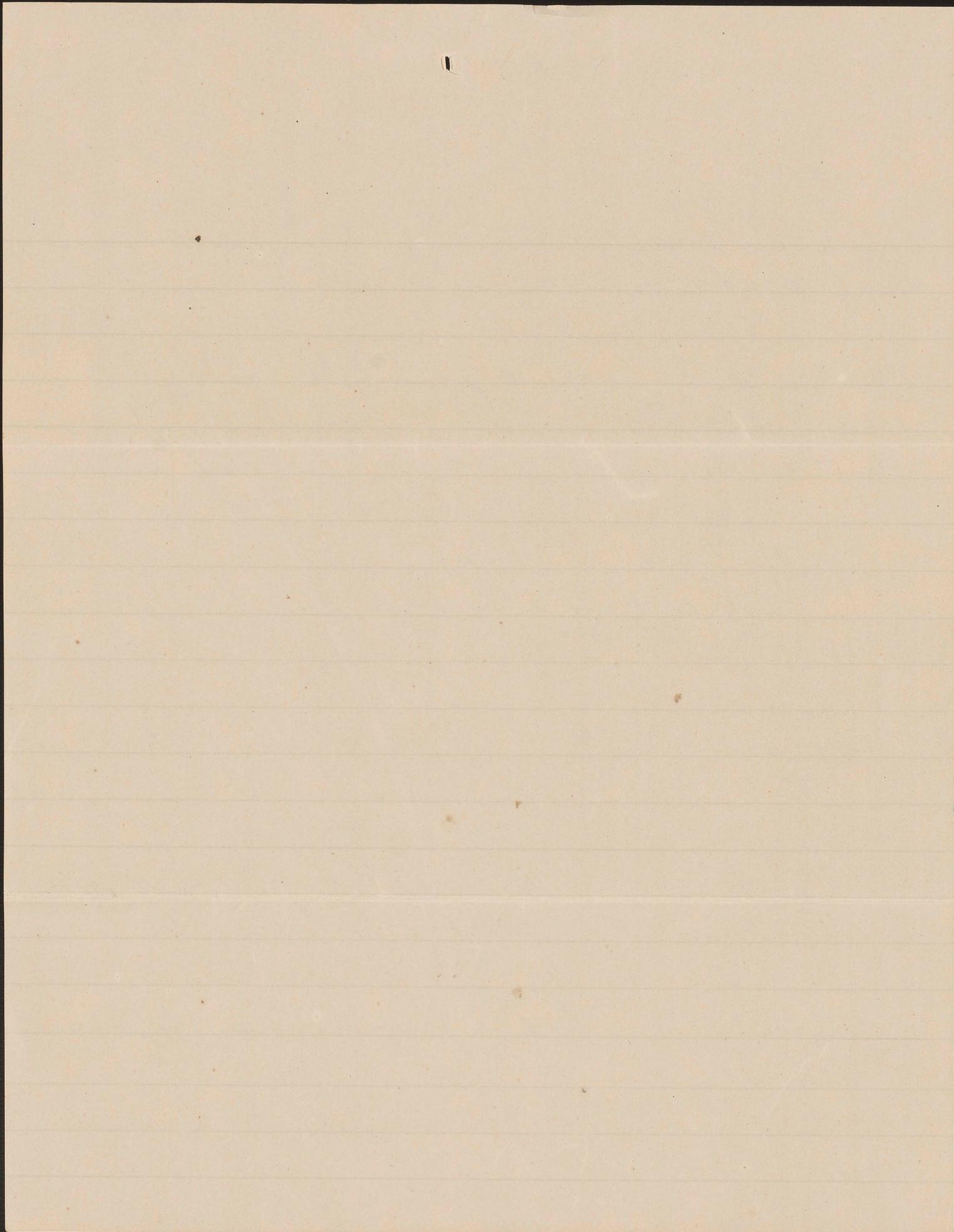


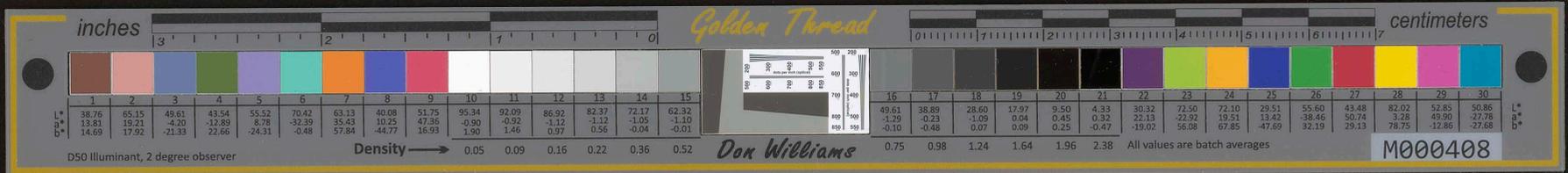
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before the world the position she has so signally  
acquired of a country advanced in moral and  
political sentiments. In support of these  
statements we wish to present the following  
considerations.

I. Such enactment is in line with the latest  
and best legislation of other countries. In  
England women have recently been given  
municipal suffrage, and it is believed by  
those well qualified to judge, that this  
privilege will be extended to voting for  
members of parliament. In New Zealand  
full suffrage for women has within a few  
months been granted. The first election  
under this law was recently held and the  
papers of the colony are enthusiastic over the  
satisfactory results. In the United States,  
Wyoming has had woman suffrage for twenty  
five years, and we have yet to hear a word  
other than praise of the effect. The sister  
state, Colorado has within a year also granted





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full suffrage to women. We quote from a report of the election of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

"Very generally the women voted. They were the most intelligent women, not the elements the conservatives feared. Persons sent out to register the new citizens reported that ninety per-cent. of the women 'on the hill' willingly registered, while only thirty five per-cent. of occupants 'in the bottoms' so prepared themselves for the ballot. At classic Colorado Springs one third more ballots were deposited by women than by men. Conservative estimates show that fully fifty per-cent. of the entire vote of the state was cast by women."

In Minnesota, Ohio and Massachusetts, women vote on matters relating to schools, in Michigan and Kansas on all municipal questions, while the convention which is now in session in New York to amend the state constitution is seriously considering the question of granting women full suffrage as an offset to the

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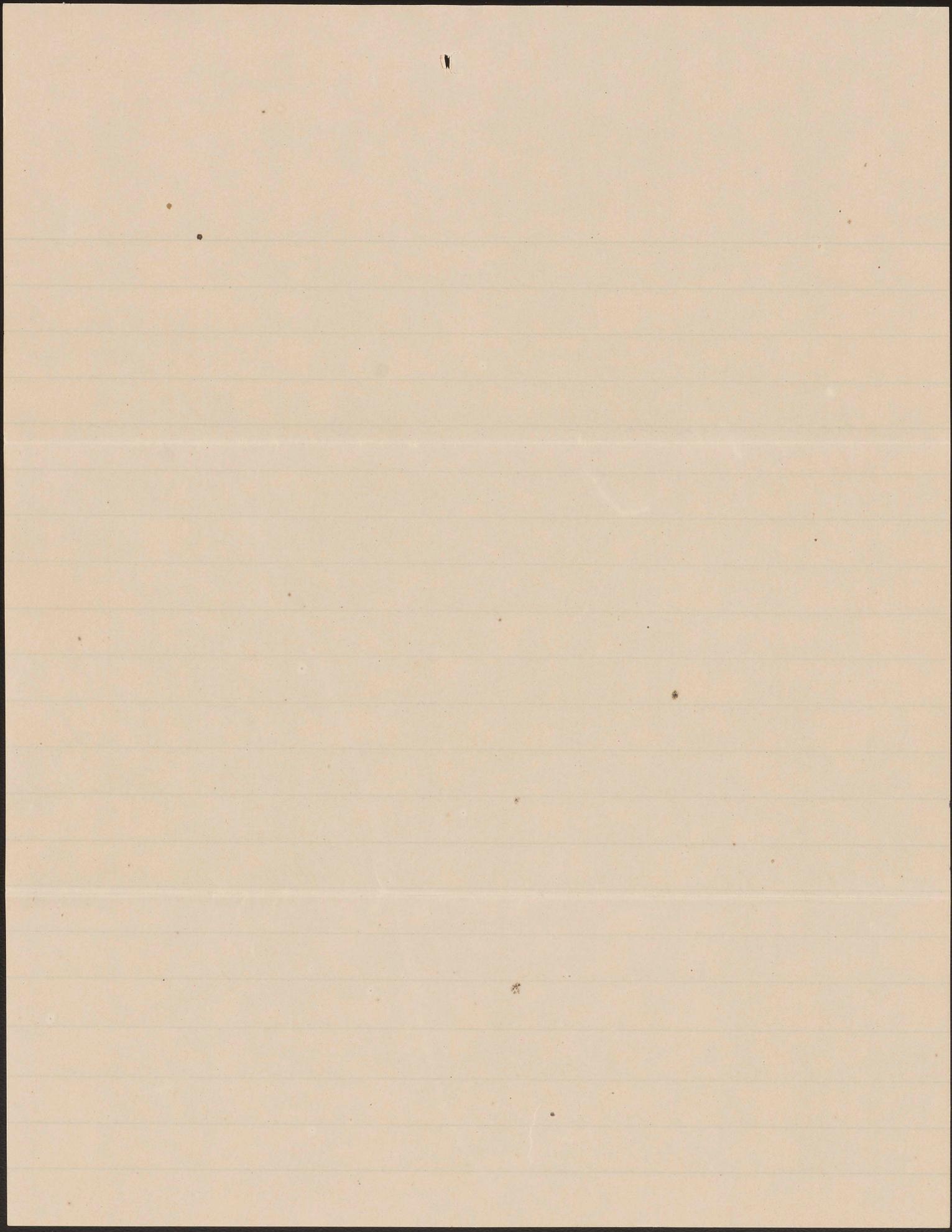
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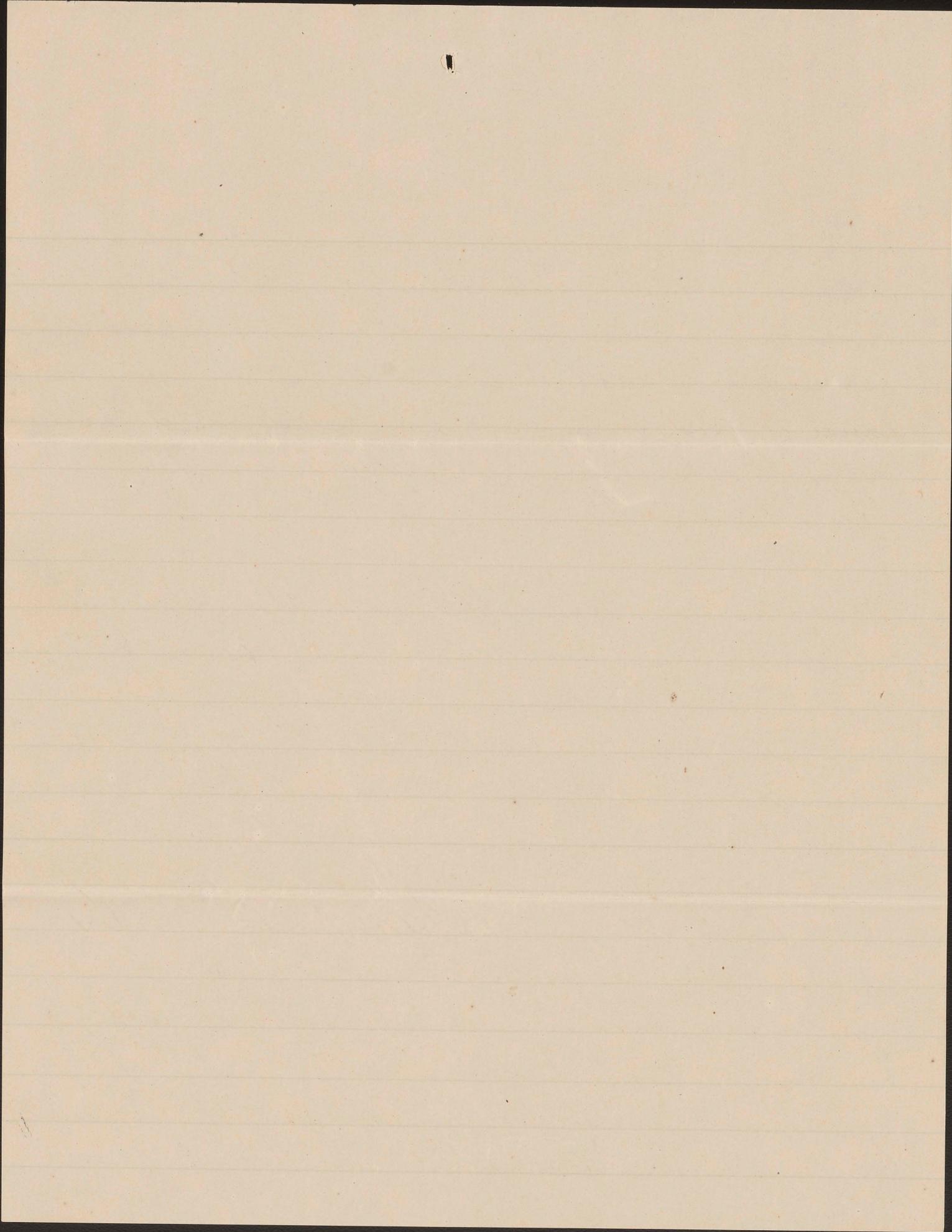
influence of the hordes of unintelligent foreign voters. In the state of Kansas a similar amendment is pending with every prospect of success. Since the movement has acquired such strength in British and American states, we respectfully urge its serious consideration here.

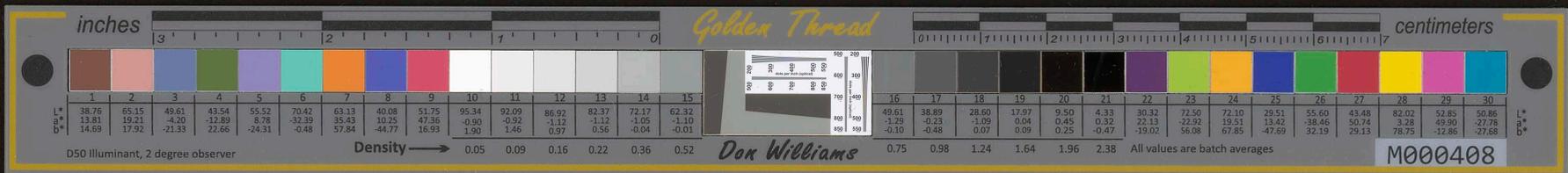
II. We would not willingly add to the already heavy burdens of this Convention, but the regulation of the suffrage is a constitutional matter, and a request that suffrage be granted to women must properly come before the Convention engaged in framing the Constitution.

III. It is generally admitted that women are law-abiding and interested in good government, that they are but slightly affected by political and party aims, while much committed to maintaining the purity

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of the home and state, and that thus their influence will be mainly upon the side of morality and justice. With an educational and property qualification which will as much as possible exclude from voting all but women of intelligence and thrift, we believe the cause of good government will be advanced here as it has been shown to have been elsewhere by the votes of women.

IV- The following table will give some idea of the character of the vote which would be cast by women under various property qualifications. So far as this can be shown by ownership of stock in corporations. There can be little doubt that the result would be substantially the same if a similar table were made showing women's ownership of bonds, (Government and corporation). As to other personal property and as to real property it would be difficult to prepare such table. The tax assessor's lists would be very unreliable, for the reason that so many men, (foreigners especially) return their wife's property with their own.

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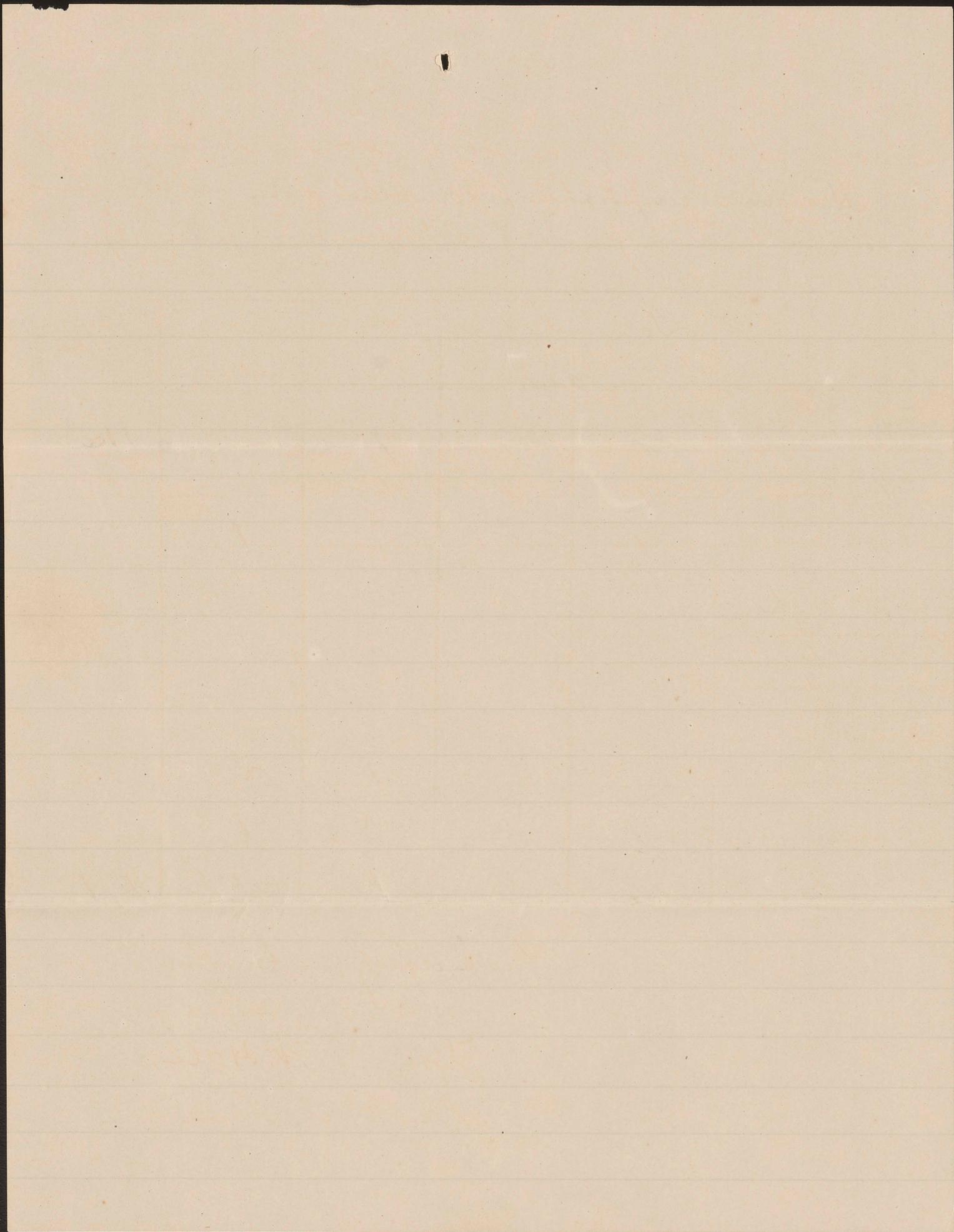
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Table showing the number of women holding stock in Hawaiian Corporations, compiled from tables prepared by Mr. J. G. Thrum for Mr. J. H. Blount in June 1893.

	To \$1,000	Between \$1,000 \$2,000	Between \$2,000 \$3,000	\$3,000 & above	Total
Americans	52	27	9	25	113
British	14	7	2	5	28
Germans	4	0	0	1	5
Half Casts -					
American - Hawaiian	2	0	0	1	
British - Hawaiian	2	2	1	1	
German - Hawaiian	2	0	0	0	
Chinese Hawaiian	0	0	0	1	
Swedish Hawaiian	1	0	0	0	
Total Half Casts	7	2	1	3	13
Hawaiians	9	2	0	1	12
Totals	86	38	12	36	171

Respectfully submitted  
 Mrs. J. M. Whitney.  
 Mrs. W. W. Hall.  
 Mrs. W. J. Frear.



Communication  
accompanying petition  
for Franchise for Women  
Presented June 13<sup>th</sup> 1894



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- 1 W. F. Frear.
- 2 A. W. Crockett.
- 3 W. Müller.
- 4 R. M. Mellis
- 5 E. O. White
- 6 M. D. Lewis
- 7 Le B. Ripley
- 8 Henry Congdon
- 9 Wm M. Templeton
- 10 R. J. Green
- 11 W. J. Odway
- 12 Samuel Adelstein
- 13 R. W. Anderson
- 14 J. M. Tracy
- 15 J. M. Whiting, M. D., D. D., &



Petition  
Elective franchise  
for women  
Presented June 1894.

16 W. D. Emerson  
 17 Chas. S. Johnson  
 18 H. Y. Johnson  
 19 J. W. Johnson  
 20 B. Johnson  
 21 W. Johnson  
 22 E. M. Johnson  
 23 E. W. Johnson  
 24 Frank Johnson  
 25 W. B. Johnson  
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- 1 W. H. Armstrong;
- 2 W. E. Corvill
- 3 W. N. Castle
- 4 J. W. Preston
- 5 Geo. H. Paris
- 6 E. G. Hitchcock
- 7 W. A. Kunney-
- 8 Wm. W. Hall.
- 9 J. D. Emerson
- 10 L. H. Thurston
- 11 B. L. Desha
- 12 P. J. Billinghamer
- 13 W. H. Woodson
- 14 C. M. Sankay
- 15 Jonathan Shaw



- 16 W. H. Wright
- 17 Dr. Kalaui
- 18 M. Clumana
- 19 W. J. Jernan
- 20 Peter High
- 21 Frank S. Dodge
- 22 G. P. Castle
- 23 A. M. Whitney
- 24 J. W. Beaman
- 25 J. B. Wherton
- 26 A. M. Newberry (M.D.)
- 27 J. H. Brown
- 28 Oramel H. Gulick
- 29 Frank W. Damon
- 30 Frank L. Hoop
- 31 C. E. Williams
- 32 C. M. Quinn
- 33 E. W. Jordan
- 34 W. C. Murphy
- 35 W. S. Cook
- 36 C. F. Wolfe
- 37 Chas. Hankins
- 38 Mrs. Cassidy
- 39 Joseph Glocker
- 40 C. Beacock



I favor a clause in the constitution  
authorizing the legislature to legislate  
for female suffrage after 1898

- 1 W. R. Castle
- 2 Clarence K. Brabbe
- 3 J. B. Castle
- 4 J. J. Roth
- 5 Chas Lucas
- 6 B. R. Banning
- 7 J. Swindge
- 8 W. L. Loppa
- 9 F. R. Day M.D.
- 10 Wm. O. Alwater
- 11 Lars Lorenson
- 12 Geo. Eaton
- 13 Philip Henry Dodge
- 14 F. A. Kosmer
- 15 J. E. Bishop
- 16 M. P. Robinson
- 17 H. W. Green

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- 1 Ella B. Snow.
- 2 Mary C. Dodge (Mrs)
- 3 Anna B. Tucker
- 4 Louise A. Howard. (Mrs.)
- 5 Helen L. Judd
- 6 Mrs C. S. Wolfe.



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- 1 Catharine M. Whitney
- 2 Clara H. Banning
- 3 Mrs. J. H. Chapin (w. C. P. C.)
- 4 Mary A. Furber
- 5 Mrs. Mos. Lusk
- 6 Laura Duncan
- 7 Sarah L. Dexter
- 8 Louisa G. Poay
- 9 Harriet C. Pierce
- 10 Mrs. K. B. Emerson M. D.
- 11 Mrs. Capt. (Alice) Davis
- 12 Elizabeth E. Gillam
- 13 E. Jennie Deuser
- 14 Mrs. M. C. Water.



- 15 Mrs. J. A. Rodanet.  
16 Miss Bertha Bindt.  
17 Miss Margaret - Flaxman  
18 Mrs W. E. Foster.  
19 C. D. Parker.  
20 Mrs Mary E. Parker.

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- 1 Alice H. Thompson. (Kamohamohā)
- 2 Ellen A. Picknell. " "
- 3 Mabel R. Kinney. (Kawāho'o Sem)
- 4 Mrs. S. Lowden.
- 5 Mrs. E. M. Marshall.
- 6 Mrs. Nichols. (A. E.)
- 7 (Mrs) Frances M. Nicoll -
- 8 Mrs. G. West.
- 9 Mrs. J. M. Tracy
- 10 Mrs. Jane Bernhard
- 11 Mrs. Nina L. D. Frasher.
- 12 Mrs. J. J. Greene.
- 13 Mrs. C. B. Ripley
- 14 Mrs. J. B. Atherton.



- 15 Mrs H. Tregloan, (for O.D.C.)
- 16 Mrs I. B. Sturdevant
- 17 Miss L. A. Gilman
- 18 Susanne Patch (for M.W.C.)



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- 3 Mrs. K. Jay Greene
- 4 Mrs. H. N. Castle.
- 5 Mrs. C. W. Jordan
- 6 Mrs. S. A. Wayne
- 7 Miss Emma Jordan
- 8 Mrs. M. J. Forbes.
- 9 S. J. Maloue
- 10 L. C. Appleton
- 11 P. Rycroft.
- 12 Miss M. J. Chamberlain.
- 13 Sophie Rycroft.



- 14 A. J. Johnson.
- 15 Mrs W. H. Patterson
- 16 Caroline D. Castle
- 17 Mrs Harriet Castle Colman
- 18 Grace Lillian Fring
- 19 Mrs. W. A. Spear
- 20 Mrs Sarah A. Thurston.
- 21 Mrs High
- 22 Mrs L. A. Bagwell
- 23 Mrs Gardner & Wilder.
- 24 Mrs. W. L. Wilder.
- 25 Miss A. E. Mudge
- 26 Mrs S. N. Castle (Mary)
- 27 Mrs. O. H. Gulick.
- 28 Mrs. L. B. Coan
- 29 Mrs. Louie A. Andrews.
- 30 Miss E. M. Oliver.
- 31 Mrs J. Bryant
- 32 Mrs W. L. Isorowitz
- 33 Mrs G. P. Castle.
- 34 Mrs E. A. Jones.
- 35 Ellen L. Riemenschneider.
- 36 Mrs. H. L. Hopper
- 37 Mrs. E. G. Hitchcock.
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- 40 Mrs L. A. Thurston
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- 43 Mrs B. F. Dillingham
- 44 Mrs T. C. Porter



45 Mrs Clarence L. Crabbe

46 Mrs A. W. Damon.

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- 2 Mrs. L. F. Turner.
- 3 Pattie C. Hitchcock
- 4 Eloise Hitchcock
- 5 Mrs. Williams
- 6 Sophia Scott
- 7 Isabel Kelley
- 8 Ellen H. Sisson.
- 9 Eleanor P. Sisson.
- 10 Anna W. M. Rose.
- 11 Pauline G. Rose
- 12 Mrs. May Brown
- 13 Louise H. Brown.



- 14 Mrs. J. C. LeBlond.
- 15 Mrs C. R. Terry
- 16 Cassie Lougher
- 17 Mrs A. M. Wilson
- 18 Mrs. J. S. Reed
- 19 Miss H. F. Coan
- 20 Mrs C. B. Soberstein
- 21 Miss Josephine Deyo.
- 22 Grace Porter.
- 23 Mrs. Luther Leverance
- 24 Emma W. Goodale.
- 25 Alexandra Forrester.
- 26 Emma Siegfried
- 27 Mrs Herbert G. Austin