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Dear Dr.

While at Annapolis a few days ago on business connected with our Chils Aid Soc. I found that two of the Senators were endeavoring to bring the fallen women of our city under legislative control. One proposes to crush them out – the other to license them, granting certifs of health every three days – in short the French law, which would require hospitals for the sick & asylums for the children – legalising the system.

Our present laws if carried out would close every house of ill fame in the state – but in the present state of society that cannot be done – our excellent criminal Judge says he goes as far as he dare – he has certainly wrought a great change for the better – we were overrun with them under our previous Judge.

The concern of the Senators has arisen from the immorality & disease which the army is spreading over the country – the disease among the troops stationed here & elsewhere is frightful.

I was unable to give these gentlemen any advice as to what we should do or any information as to what had been done in this country.

I told them I would consult some well read