

wrote P. H. A. for opinions.

Rules of Farmers

Charlotte Jan'y 28 /90

Hon Elias Carr President No 4 Alliance
Dear Sir Will you be kind enough
to answer the following enquiries
through the Progressive Farmer
1st Has a county Alliance the right
to levy a tax on the members of the
Sub Alliance in the County to pay
the salary of a business agent, in
said County ^{per bale} of 50cts per bale on all
cotton raised by such members,¹
2nd If a member should refuse
to pay said tax, has his Sub Alliance
any power to expel such a member,²
3rd Does the Constitution authorize
or allow any taxes levied by
State County or Sub Alliance
any taxes on its members except
such as are provided for in said
Constitution by initiation ^{quarterly dues?} fees

We are having some trouble in
this County on the cotton tax question
Mecklenburg County alliance two years
ago passed a resolution taxing all
the members, soct. probale an all cotton
raised by its members, each year
to pay the Salary of its business
Agent, There was objection to it at
the start. or it seems to be growing
The county alliance has gone further
now, & says, that no member shall be
eligible to a sect in the county alliance
unless who refuses to pay said
tax. & some sub alliances have
gone so far as to pass resolutions
to exclude from membership any
one who refuses to pay said tax
Your opinion on the subject will
be of benefit in the premises.

Hope to hear from you soon on the
above questions
Yours Truly
J. C. Dowd