

P.S. I think the work of my department ought to be organized before I go too far from home, but will put in all the work I can. I will not be idle, just want to go slow for the present.

Long^s - N C Aug^t 22nd - 1889

Hon S B Alexander

Chair^{man} & Coun

State Alliance

Charlotte N.C

My Brother-

Your to me, sent to me at Asheville N.C has just reached my office, I to day had the honor to forward to your address the very paper for which you wrote me, It may be more expensive than your committee will endorse but I have found in life that it takes money to make almost any business a success.

I am satisfied we can live cheap traveling among the brotherhood, and the estimate I made may be large. I also recommended that all salaries and expenses be either covered by Vouchers or the cash of the Chairman. For myself I can honestly say I did not go in to the Alliance for money and had I been beaten at Fayetteville I

It would have not changed my zeal for
the work, I did not make myself forward
and officious at Fayetteville, did not think
it would look well. I am a modest man,
until the order is given to charge the line.
From the minute Bro McCune finished his
address until this time, I have had no
fears of discharging every duty to the entire
satisfaction of all. The financial part of
the work, and increase of memberships,
will receive at my hands the very closest
attention, I have conferred with Genl Vance
as to lecturer of this the 9th district in the
event your Com endorse my suggestion
as to nominations. Any alterations made
by your Com will meet my approbation,
Could my friend Chas McDonald of
Cabarrus be prevailed upon to take his
district - Your advice will always be
heeded and appreciated, I speak tomorrow
near here next day in Haywood County
30th at home of Genl Vance next day at
Dry Branch Madison Co, W W Rollins the
largest Tobacco farmer in the Union writes
me God Speed and says he is with us up to
his eyes. All will be well. Fraturnally
Thos B Long