

Rands Mill N.C.

Feb 10 - 1911

To Elias Carr Pres - et al
Old Sparta N.C.

My Dear Sir & Bro., If it is not incompatible with your official duties as Chief Officer of State Alliances, to confer favors of the nature, I beg leave to ask you can place Auburn Alliance under many obligations to you for an act of kindness which we will be loath to forget. Be the Members of said Alliance largely represent the industrial interest of our community agriculturally & otherwise & believing as we do that Public Functionaries should distribute Public patronage, so as the emoluments thereof could be applied to the necessities & enjoyment of those of us, who are the life giving power of Public Institutions we have therefore petitioned to the Board of Directors of Raleigh Insane Asylum to appoint P. W. Dowd to fill the office of Steward in said Institution. Bro Dowd is thoroughly imbued with the principles of our order & is a member of Auburn Alliance No 41, which Alliance will vouch for his efficiency, morality & sobriety. & if it is not innovation upon established usages or laws we heartily appreciate your kindness in respect to the Board of Directors. His appointment will be signed by me & I would only suggest without any appointment of our men without approval as an

Bro Dowd is a brother

Col H. A. Brown of your County + gives as references in said
County Messrs C. J. Austin, David Barlow + Dr. Joe Barber
Bd Directors Meet March 1st + if you ^{will} send in
a recommendation please notify me of your intention

Yrs truly

W. H. Rand