

Concord N. C.

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1890

Elias Carr Pres. Farmers All.

Dear Sir:

You have answered a question in the Progressive Farmer Feb 25<sup>th</sup> which I am afraid will give our County and Mecklenburg some trouble. You say a County All. has no right to levy a tax on members of Sub Alliances to pay Bus. Agt. I would like to ask if a County All. has not a right to make its own By laws. And if a Sub-Alliance has not a right to make its own by-laws, provided they do not conflict with the State Constitution & By laws? If it has, has not Cabarrus County All. a right to make a by law compelling

Each Sub Alliance to pay its part to the support of the Co. Bus. Agt. And has not each Sub. All the right to make a by law compelling each member to pay a certain amt. into the Treasury for the support of the Co. Bus. Agt. Cabarrus and Mecklenburg Counties made a law for each member to pay 50<sup>cts</sup> per bale of Cotton sold for the support of a Cotton buyer & Co. Bus. Agt. Now if your answer is entirely correct we cannot make these members pay this 50<sup>cts</sup>, cannot make a by law to that effect, then we are in for our Cotton Buyers & Co. Bus. Agt's salary and nothing to pay it with. If you can modify your answer to the question by saying that each Co. or Sub Alliance has a right to make by laws so that they can compel their members to pay the salary of the Bus. Agt, but

They cannot do it according to the State  
Constitution, please do so in the  
next Prog. Form. It will be a  
great help to us. We think we are  
right. Please excuse me for  
asking you to reconsider but I am  
very much interested.

Yours Fraternally

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