

Wopewell, March 4th 1880
Mecklenburg Co. N.C.
Elias Carr Presd's State Alliance

Dear Sir & Bro.

Your answer in the Progressive Farmer of Feb. 25th, in regard to assessments I am afraid it will injure our Business Agency in Mecklenburg County, Mecklenburg County Alliance is an incorporated body, and we claim the right to assess our members fifty cents pr. bale of cotton (or rather a commission) to defray the expenses of handling said cotton, this fifty cents go to pay the salary of B. Agt. and other office expenses, and the producer gets the full value of his cotton, that is he gets New York prices, our B. Agt. do not speculate in cotton, Since we established the agency in Charlotte, the price of cotton has averaged about 2¢ pr. lb. ^{above} what it was before, while the New York market has remained about the same, this shows what the

cotton speculators have been making,
the speculators have done every thing in
their power, to brake up our agency, or to create
dissatisfaction among our members, and
there is some, so selfish, or stingy, that they
don't wish it to be known, and wish to
get out of paying their porportion of the expenses
of the office by saying it is unconstitutional
I have layed the whole matter before you, in
a plain common sense view of it, and I
hope you will reconsider the matter, and
give it a thorough investigation
hoping you may see that the county ^{alliances} under
the cooperate powers has the right

I remain yours fraternally
Jas. A. Wilson