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Mr. Elias Carr,
Old Sparta, N.C.

Dr. Sir Bro

I write to you
for a decision. There is a
party in this County who ap-
plied to his nearest Alli-
ance to join it, but was re-
jected. After he was rejected
by that Alliance, and six months
had passed, he sent his applica-
tion to the Alliance that I am
Secretary of, and, when some of
his friends found that he would
be black balled, they asked to with-
draw his name, which was a-
greed to by those who were op-
posed to him with the expressed

understanding that the
name would not be offered
again within six months.
At our meeting before last
the same application was sent
in, ^{9th} than the six months had not
passed, and referred to the Com.
and those who were opposed to him
expected the Com. to report that
the name could not be voted on
until the six months had ex-
pired, but as the weather was
very cold, but six or eight at-
tended the meeting and voted
his party in, contrary to the
wishes of a number of our
good members. Now, as Sec.
of the Alliance, I write to know
what we shall do. Unless we
get a decision from you
before Saturday next this man
will be initiated. I want your

decision on the question
as to whether the Alliance
had a right; after the agree-
ment that six months should
pass before this name should
be entertained, to receive and
act on this application in
the absence of those who
opposed him. The Alliance
has over sixty members, and
but six or eight were present
when this application was
acted on. The two Alliances
above referred to have never
objected to persons joining
whichever one of them they
preferred, whether it be the
nearest or no, therefore
I would like to have your
decision on the other point
also. Please answer
by return mail so I can

have your answer by
next-Saturday - and
oblige

Yours fraternally
James H. Marshall
Sec. Russels Creek Alliance

P.S.

If you don't get this
in time to answer by mail,
telegraph me to delay ini-
tiation until next meet-
ing and it will be done.

I fear that to take this
man in under the cir-
cumstances will injure
us -

J. H. M.