

Statesville Oct. 16th / 1900

Elias Law, Pres. F. S. A.

Dear Sir + Bro,

I write
information. There is a man liv-
ing in the bounds of our Alliance
who works on the farm himself and
employs a clerk to attend to a small
country store. He is very anxious to join
our lodge and has ^{such} made proposi-
tions as would induce us to admit
him provided he is eligible to member-
ship. The store would be run for the
benefit and ^{in the} interest of the Alliance.
The capital employed will be his in-
dividually. The question in the face
of the above facts is, is he eligible to
membership and if so would his sales

be confined exclusive
Ancester or could he sell to
sides at a different price, of course
I mean at an advance of what
he would sell to the Alliance.

He is an honest business man
no doubt would be of advantage
to us in the way of purchasing
goods, but at the same time
Constitution must be complied
with. He would simply be acting
as our agent, furnishing the capital
himself. Please give us the
desired information by return mail,
and oblige -

Yours Resp't -
J. E. Sumner Sec.
Concord N. H. No. 814

The principal reason
is that it is not to be
done at a different price of
I want it in volume of
it would not be the same
as it is in fact because
it would not be of value
to me in the way of
price, but at the same
distribution must be
with. He would surely be
as one of the friends of
that beautiful place the
desired information by return
and other

Yours truly
J. L. Garrison
Jan 10 1840