

Pittsboro N. C.  
Nov. 23, 1888.

Eliay Carr Esq  
My dear Sir,

I have just  
recd your favor of 12 inst.  
addressed to me at Oaks.  
I turned over my farm at  
Oaks to my son Herman &  
I moved to a farm near  
Pittsboro last Spring.

In regard to the matter  
of which you write I will  
say that I will cheerfully  
acquiesce in any decision  
you may make.

I think however it would  
be unwise to merge the Far-  
mers Association into the  
Alliance, or to let the  
former take its place. The Alliance  
is well organized, compact  
strong; but there are many  
and strong prejudices a-  
gainst it. I am a member  
of it and I constantly work  
for its success & prosperity. I

regard it however as a mere agency to hold the farmers together.

It does not and cannot represent all the farmers. If there are forty thousand voters within it, there are no less than two hundred thousand voters outside of it; and many of them will be inclined to suspect anything that comes from the Alliance, however much they might respect anything that comes from the farmer.

I may say that there was great opposition to the Farmers' Convention held in Raleigh Jan, 26 1887 that organized the Farmers' Association; but that opposition melted away with the election of yourself as president of the Convention & Association. The character of the officers of the Association and of the work it has already done are, it seems to me, a sufficient pledge of its future usefulness. Our County Institute, organized by Commissioner Robinson some time ago, at its meet-

Being yesterday authorized our President Mr Lawrence J. Daughton to appoint delegates to the State Farmers Association to be held in Raleigh in January.

Perhaps I should say that Mr Powell formerly a Senator from this county now a citizen of Wake County and an extreme Alliance man attended our Institute yesterday and he opposed the appointment of delegates to the State Association, on the ground that there was an antagonism between the Alliance and the Association. Mr Powell is an intelligent farmer and a popular man in this county; but his speech in opposition to the appointment of delegates fell flat. The motion to appoint was carried by a unanimous vote. I respectfully submit that this vote fairly represents the farming interests in the State. If you should conclude to hold the Association as I trust

you will, let me suggest that you at an early day publish a notice of the meeting and ask the farmers in every county in the State to send delegates to the Association. I would leave to the farmers themselves the mode of appointing delegates, whether by a farmers club, grange, alliance, institute or by the county commissioners. I would also suggest that you appoint gentlemen to read papers on suitable subjects, somewhat as follows:

What State Legislation will help the farmer, by W. R. Cox.

Farm Labor by Mr. Yhigsten

Ship Husbandry by Rev. N. McKay D.D. of Harvett Co.

The Public Roads by S. B. Alexander of Muklenburg.

The Grasses by J. C. Holt of Macon.

\* Composting by Alex. M. Iver of Chatham.