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State Business Agent of the N. C. Farmers' State Alliance,

LaGrange

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 28th 1888.

Mr. Elias Carr

Old Sparta N. C.

Dear Sir & Bro.

Yours received yesterday and in reply, I am sorry to have to say, that under the circumstances, it will be impossible for me to be in Raleigh on the 1st of Jan. My own affairs are in such a condition as to require my presence at home; and I am Guardian of some minor children, and have their rents to look after just then and settle their accounts. I am also Administrator of an estate that must be settled up, (and a very troublesome one to settle) and in all these matters I have to deal with others to whom I have promised to be at home the 1st week in Jan. Can't you make arrangements for the Committee to meet about the 7th or 8th? If you must meet on the 1st, I do not know that I am in possession of any information that would be of any advantage to you that you could not get from other sources, and if it should be necessary to adopt any other plans in regard to the Agency and the Agent, I think I can safely entrust myself in your hands, believing that your only aim

will be to promote the good of the Alliance.

I think you will have to adopt some other plan to raise the Fund, and if you agree with me, and think you have the right to adopt another; I shall feel it my duty to accept any work that you may assign to me. I should have issued a circular this week, according to the suggestion of Bro. Graham, to the different Alliances, urging upon them the importance of the Fund, and of making renewed effort to raise it; but I concluded if I were to let them know how little had been paid ⁱⁿ it, they would very naturally conclude that the Fund would never be raised, and would make no further effort to do so, and I would thereby defeat the very object that I was trying to accomplish.

Don't forget to call the attention of the Committee to the Trade Card, and if you adopt one, give it to Mr. Browder, and have enough printed to supply all the Alliances, if you decide it shall be done in that way.

I called to see Mr. Hawkins, as you requested. He has made the only Alliance proposition that has been made to me. I have had a great many propositions 'tis true; but such as would have been made to you or me individually.

Write to me at Speights Bridge -

Hoping that you may be able to do something to bring about a better state of feeling in the Alliance.

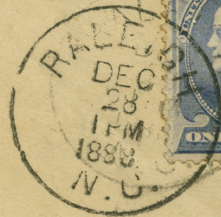
I am very respectfully and

Truly Yours
W. A. Darden

NORTH CAROLINA
FARMERS' STATE ALLIANCE.

S. B. ALEXANDER, *President*,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.

L. L. POLK, *Secretary*,
RALEIGH, N. C.



Mr Elias Cow
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