

Berea Oh April 9th 1898

Chas. Carr. Pres of C Farmers State Alliance  
Old Sparta Nc

Dear Sir & Bro.

I write to ask your opinion  
in regard to a subject upon which there is  
a difference of opinion among our brethren  
1st whether it is consistent with Alliance  
principles to confine ourselves to one tobacco factory  
in a county 2nd what is the proper authority  
to constitute an alliance factory. There are  
brethren in the county members of Berea  
Alliance No 587. of which I have the honor  
to be <sup>with to manufacture tobacco</sup> President. They are willing to be governed  
by any rules or regulations provided for the  
government of the same by Co or Dist  
conventions. They propose to be governed  
by the Board of directors of the Alliance factory  
at Arford. You will confer a favor by answering  
this at your earliest convenience would be glad  
if you would indicate the proper plan to  
pursue in the premises

Yours Fraternally  
G Shotwell

Berea Ohio