

Lake Waccamaw

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Dear Sir + Bro;

A por-
tion of the members of our Alli-
ance desire to withdraw from
us and assist in the organiza-
tion of a new Alliance at
Lake Waccamaw, which is some
five miles or more from our pres-
ent place of meeting. They had
an idea that by dividing our
Alliance under Sec. 5 Art. IX
State Constitution, they could
save the organizer's fee. There
should be an Alliance organized
at or near Lake Waccamaw, and
there are several of our members
who would go to it as a matter

of convenience, but inasmuch as
an Alliance with ~~only~~ twenty
members or less, could hardly
be considered "so large as to be un-
weildy," I told the brethren I
thought you would hardly be able
to grant them a charter under
that section. They requested me
then to write you stating the case
and ascertain whether you would
feel warranted in granting the
Charter. I will say that, unless
you feel bound to observe the
strict letter of the law, or if you
could in any case stretch, (or rather
contract) it to fit a Alliance
with as small a membership as
ours, I would consider this case
a meritorious one, so much so
that I am satisfied there will be
no objection at all to the division
believing as we all do that it

will be calculated to promote the best interests of the cause.

¶¶. There seems to me to be some ambiguity in Sections 3, 4 + 5 of Article VIII and an apparent conflict between sections 3 + 5, while section 2 is not remarkably clear. Am I right in supposing that the proceeding contemplated by section 2 is analogous to a civil suit in a Court of Equity, while that provided for by section 3 is analogous to a criminal prosecution in a Court of Law? And would ^{not} the refusal of one party to a controversy, misunderstanding or personal difficulty to submit his cause to arbitration under section 2; or having submitted it, a refusal to comply with the

or abide the judgment or award
render him obnoxious to charges
and prosecution, under Section
3, for "conduct unbecoming an
Alliance man"? Again: Is
the trial an independent pro-
ceeding entirely on the part of
the Board, or should it take
place in the presence of the
whole Alliance? Does the
Board find the verdict and
pronounce the sentence, or
do they simply take the testimony,
and report to the Alliance, or
do they hear and consider the
testimony, find a verdict, and
then, in case the accused is
found guilty, leave it to the
Alliance to determine the pun-
ishment? I confess the whole
thing appears to me considera-
bly mixed up and I should

be very glad indeed to have
and authoritative construc-
tion of sections 2, 3, 4 + 5.

Please let me hear from you
at your earliest convenience and
oblige

Yours Very Truly
Melton Campbell
Order Fair Alliance No 411