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Ridgeway, N. C.

Janij. 1st 1891.

Wm. Ellis Carr,
Old Sparta, N. C. }
Dear Sir & Bro,

Rev. Jas. A.
Pitchford was expelled by
his subordinate Alliance
for improper conduct.
He refused to give up the
papers & seal of his
Alliance — Such was the
statement made by Ind.
Ellis Alliance through
its representatives at our
last regular meeting in
Oct. — At a called
meeting of our County
Alliance held the
31st inst. at the re-

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guest of Mr. W. W. Long
Mr. Pitchford presented him-
self at the door as the
representative of Judkins
Alliance & had the seal
of his Alliance on his
Cordentils & a state-
ment that "the little
unpleasantness had all
been arranged" as
we were very busy I
wrote Mr. Pitchford that
he had been expelled
by his Alliance and
had no right to rep-
resent it. — This ac-
tion was approved
by the Alliance. —

After our meeting
closed Mr. Pitchford,
our County Sec. Mr. Whitbee
& the President of the
Warrenton Alliance

William Powell insisted that
 I had no right to ex-
 clude Pitchford as he had
 been restored to mem-
 bership by his Sub. Alliance.
 On inquiry I found that
 Mr. Pitchford had never
 made application for
 reinstatement in his Sub.
 Alliance (he said he would
 cut his throat before he
 would do so as that would
 be an acknowledgment
 that he was properly ex-
 pelled) & I knew of my
 own knowledge that
 he had never appealed
 to the County Alliance
 to right the wrong
 done him by his

Sub. Alliance in expelling him informally, the informality consisting in his being notified in open meeting that the trial would be over a certain day instead of the Lecturer's notifying him in writing.

As the same credentials will be presented at our approaching regular meeting I wish to know if my exclusion of his representative was legal. - I advised Mr. Pitchford to appeal to the County Alliance but he insists that he has never been expelled.

Our meeting was a full one. Mr. Long made a good al-
liance speech, but

when prepared to say that
 he would not vote for
 Vance unless the Senator
 would "unequivocally"
 pledge himself to vote
 for the Sub. Treasury he
 refused to do so unless
 instructed by the Democratic
 County Convention. He requires,
 however, a new Convention
 fresh from the people. This we
 will give him, unless you
 think the present Legislature
 will "unequivocally" instruct
 Mr. Vance. We would like to
 avoid friction in our party if
 possible. If necessary can not
 you postpone the election
 of Senator until the people
 can be heard from through County