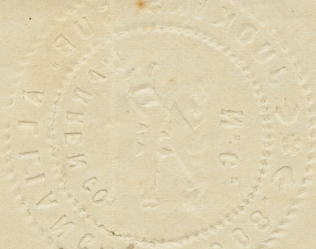


Littleton N.C.
Jan. 14th 1891

Elias Barr Esq

Dear Sir

Yours of the 7th inst
came to hand to-day. I can not say that I am
able to understand its purport. 1st you learned
that "the Co Alliance had been officially informed
of my expulsion, but not of my reinstation". Who
gave you this information. It rather strikes me
that some one was endeavoring to impose on
your credulity. How could Warren Co Alliance be
"officially informed" of any transaction occurring
in Judkins' sub-Alliance (of said county) except
under seal of said Judkins' sub-Alliance. "Official
information" can only be given (by letter) under seal,
if I understand the matter correctly. The seal of
Judkins' Alliance has never left my possession.
It was never used for this purpose. When your
informant shows me this "official information
of my expulsion", with the seal of Judkins' Alliance
on it - then I will no longer profess to be a gentleman.
I informed Warren Co Alliance under seal that the
whole transaction was unconstitutional, & that I was
still (as I signed myself) Secretary of our Alliance.
Our last quarterly report (sent to you & returned by
you) might possibly be perverted into a faint
shadow of evidence concerning "my reinstation".
As far as serving "notices constitutionally" is concerned,
I am totally in the dark. Did you ever hear of an
Alliance as having sent an excluded member any
where, to represent in any thing. I was sent by Judkins
Alliance under seal & several living witnesses besides
- one of whom was also a delegate. } I expect to



die - a member of The Farmers' Alliance. But I never expect to knock at the door of Warren Co. Alliance again. I have given up the fight. I would really wish to know how business ought to be done. At some leisure time, I would be glad for you to solve me my doubts. I am not speaking ironically; neither am I acting under influence of anger towards any one. If I were, I should continue the fight. It certainly grieves me to think that my old Judkins' Alliance (No 608) will soon disband. I told you this before. You did not believe it. When we fall (if at our next meeting, as I expect) I will "officially notify" you of that fact - that is, if I can do so under seal of the sub. Alliance; at least if such information be considered official. I have not heard from the January meeting of Warren Co. Alliance. Its President did not notice the letter I sent him on the first day of the year. Took offence, I suppose, at something in it, I suppose though nothing offensive was intended. When wrong, I would thank any one to "set me right". But I have not presumption enough to imagine that you - as President of The N.C. Farmers' Alliance - would care to spend a thought about such an individual as myself. I much prefer suffering in a good cause; to triumphing in a bad one. And herein do I exercise myself, to have always, a conscience void of offence - both towards God & towards men. If I do not forget it (I reckon I shall not) I will send you a transcript of the proceedings of the next meeting of Judkins' Alliance - said meeting to occur on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in January 1891.

Very respectfully
James H. Pitchford
Secy Judkins' Alliance
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