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Dear Sir & Bro. President,  
I received your reply of the  
12<sup>th</sup> ult. you are pardoned for  
withholding your decision in  
your first letter and am glad  
of it, in regards to the board of  
arbitration in the last one.

My dear Brother please dont  
get impatient with me for being  
so inquisitive if you will be so  
kind as to answer a few questions  
that I am going to ask in this letter  
I will not bother you any more  
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Do you mean to say it is  
with my alliance to say

whether or not the trial shall be  
by the board, or their decision  
accepted, or the appeal granted  
I understand you to mean  
the alliance has the power to say  
whether or not we shall have an  
appeal I thought when any one  
asked for an appeal the alliance  
must give it. by refusing to give  
or grant an appeal shows malice  
at once to my mind

here is another question

If one brethren calls for an appeal  
time enough to get it in at the  
~~first~~ first county meeting is not  
that time enough, do it make any  
material difference about calling  
for it in ten days, the constitution  
don't say anything about ten days  
it says to the next county State,  
or National as the case may be

another question is it right  
to try us all at the time or try  
one at the time separately?

one more question and the last  
Can the alliance transact  
business without the charter  
being present? Some of our brethren  
say no alliance has a right to do  
any business without the charter  
being present these are questions  
in the constitution I don't under-  
stand, I see in the miscellane-  
ous provisions of constitution 1889.

The charter of an alliance is its  
authority under which its work  
shall be done and it is made the  
duty of the president to have  
charge of the charter and to have  
it present at any meeting of an  
alliance. That seems so  
to me

Please take this letter by your  
side and take the questions in  
routine and answer them each one  
separately and plain so I can  
understand them and you  
greatly oblige and I will be  
under many obligations to you  
and I will not weary your  
patience any more with long and  
tedious letters

Please answer this my last  
letter on this subject.

Fraternally,  
James C. Britton.

Dr. J. J. ...  
not deemed  
necessary

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