

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

North Carolina Farmers' State Alliance,

Raleigh, N. C. July 18, 1890.

Dear Bro. Carr:

Have you noticed the form sent out by Porter. He says he wishes to have the number of Alliances & etc in the State & send a blank for the names & addresses of 12 Alliances. What kind of a report can I send on such a blank as this? The truth of the business is, it is a trick on the part of the Government to get a list of Alliances officers. Rust wrote me the same kind of a lie & I was inclined to comply with his request as I thought it possible that he might wish to send them some valuable documents, so I wrote him that I would be glad to accommodate him but it was too much labor. 1200 names & addresses to copy & a cost to the Alliance of at least \$10.00 beside my trouble. He then wrote again asking for a list of the County Secys. she would write to them & get the lists of Subs. About that time a letter came from Porter with the very same kind of plea. Why do they want a list of all the Secys. if they simply wish to find the number, etc. of Organizations in the State as they claim? I am very busy in the Office & have no time to fool away writing!

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on Rust + Potatoes unless the people were to be benefited thereby, & I can see no benefit to accrue to any one. It does not matter what "Old Foggy" may say about it. I do not trust him one inch. Of course I do not say so to any one except a friend.

I think you will agree with me that it is not prudent to be sending out the machinery of the Alliance to every politician who may ask for it.

I read your letter to Hill. I do not have a great deal of trouble defending the Prog. Farmer. I simply say, when approached, that I do not approve all the Prog. F. said but that I think Mr. Vance's course is open to criticism & that I am glad that he was not spared. It is a serious question whether the Bill is unconstitutional. Some good lawyer - perhaps better judges of it than Vance - say it is constitutional. ~~He~~ I have written Vance a plain letter & urged him to establish his position on all the other demands so that he may be earnestly advocated by the Alliance. The press is against Ramsey but the letters come in by scores endorsing him. The Prog. is taking in new subscribers at the rate of about

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100 a day for the last 8 or 10 days.

What about Bro. Darden's successor? Did you  
get my letter?

Fraternally

E. C. Beddingfield

P. S. I do not think you will have any opposition  
at Asheville. I cannot tell how it will be with  
me.

Hearty  
E. C. Beddingfield