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In reply to yours

Salem, N.C. Aug 8th 1889

Mr. Elias Leav.

My dear Sir, I sent you a paper last night with a series of resolutions showing plainly the temper of some of our Albemarle people. The drawing referred to was made by a good architect and the terms for his work are considered reasonable by all who are accustomed to such matters. The matter was explained at the last meeting of the Board of Directors & parties who were present at that time. I do not want to trouble you but I know that you are placed in an awkward position before our people, because of the purposes of some members of your order, & I deeply regret that I can not do more to protest against their actions.

Our millinery business places me in
close personal contact with the
farmers of this county, & I find that
there are a number who are not
alliance men, & who will never be, because
they do not approve of its political
management. I always try to assure
my friends, that the Alliance you are
trying to build up, will not injure
the country, for I have unbounded
confidence in your honesty of purpose, &
know full well that you have, at heart,
the good of the State & know that
the political side of the Alliance is
at variance with the true interests of the people. For you
certainly would not take any
measure that would
divide the white & black.
Are you coming to the
if so I will try & come down
my friends, & talk these matters over
I want them to know you as you are, & as
Alliance here makes you seem to be. Yours
J. H.