

Rocky Rock, N.C.  
Sept. 24, 1890.

Mr. President:

On the 6th inst, some young men of the Chowan Co. Farmers Alliance organized a Cornet Band, under the title "Chowan F.A. Band," for the purpose of contributing to the interest of the various entertainments of our members whenever they may need us. And that our services may be a free will offering, on such occasions, we are making up the cost of instruments and appurtenances, among our friends all over the country: none, who can spare the money, refuse us, and we are encouraged, having secured about first cash in about two weeks. We trust that you as our worthy state President would like to aid us in this worthy movement, and that we may honor you by a memorial Cornet, we ask you



P.S.

We are arranging to have a grand rally  
next Oct. '91 and shall need some  
good speakers. Col. Polk will perhaps be  
here and we want the State Lecturer  
if Polk cannot come. We expect 50  
people to be present. No induce  
will be spared to have them come.  
Bond must then be full. Hope  
you will meet us also. Instruments uniform  
belong to band as a body - Wood Piott.



your encouragement & support by  
writing enough to purchase one  
E's which being a lead instrument, &  
having a silver tag attached to the cornet  
by a silver chain, and engraved with your  
name & official position, will appropriately  
designate & memorialize the donor. We  
shall have several memorial instruments  
of this kind. Some taking larger ones  
- as Baritone, Tenor &c which  
- each more. This cornet which  
represents - will cost \$15.00 and  
takes position in band by the side of  
another E's, given by Nat. Pres. S. S. Palk.  
We have excellent material composing  
our membership, <sup>U.S. farmer boys & can get 1 doz more if wanted.</sup> and intend to make  
it the Band of the South. We have proceeded  
in a business-like manner, having  
a Constitution, rigid but conservative  
endorsed by the Co. Alliance, which donates  
the large Bass, <sup>Sub-Alliances contributing also</sup> costing \$50.00. We have a  
splendid hall and every other convenience  
to insure success. Every subscription, when  
collected, will be acknowledged in



Prog. Farmer. We have no fear of  
since we are all located here for  
and once having secured such a set  
of instruments given principally by  
patricians like yourself we would be  
very ungrateful not to do our best to  
make it the "Leader." Since first talking  
about organizing this band a revived  
spirit seems to pervade the Alliance  
many additions, especially of the  
have been secured.

We know you will not deny the  
privilege of having this cornet named  
above, in your honor. It will be the  
only band of the kind in America -  
a Memorial Band - and will have an  
extensive advertisement. The money will  
be needed until about Nov. 1st.

We saved this instrument for you because  
of its appropriateness, the others being taken by  
noted gentlemen also. Thanking you in advance  
& hoping you'll respond promptly, that the  
list may be now completed, we subscribe ourselves -

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The Chowan F.A. Band  
Wood Priatt, Secy.