

Beaufort, N. Carolina.

Hon. Elias Carr,
Old Sparta, N.C. }
Dfr. Bros.

At our last County meeting
a resolution was passed, requesting you
to call a joint meeting of North Carolina
& Virginia growers of bright tobacco
at some central point to perfect plans
to reduce acreage. We have not heard
from you & many of our people
are very much interested.

If the acreage of cotton can be
curtailed we surely ought to be over
to lessen that of tobacco. The meeting
ought not to be confined to Allie-
ance members. I would suggest that
delegates be appointed at our regu-
lar April meeting & that you select
the place & designate the time
at as ~~an~~ early a date as practicable

and from ten to twelve cents and
detained per hundred for all piles
weighing over one hundred.

The rate of Commission in all
the markets west of Henderson
is $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, in Henderson
Warrenton & Lonsburg 3 per cent.
Of course warehouse charges have
nothing to do with reducing a crop
& it would not do to mention the
warehouse charges in the bill as
the warehousemen would use
their influence, which is great,
to prevent a full meeting.

It may be wrong to interfere by law
with private business & I think it is,
but these charges are onerous &
ought to be resisted.

Our bill was drafted in favor of
Warrenton & Lonsburg & other west
markets. We proposed twelve cents
per hundred for weighing &
twelve cents a pile auction fees.

after our April meetings.

At the same meeting we might take into consideration warehouse charges.

Mr. Long introduced a bill to that effect, & it drew the warehousemen from all over North Carolina.

These facts were developed:

The charge for weighing in Reidsville, Asheville, Durham, Winston & Danville is ten cents per hundred regardless of piles; in Henderson, Warrenton & Louisburgh the charge is ten cents a pile under one hundred pounds & ten cents additional for every additional hundred or fractional part thereof. This is a very great difference.

The charge for Auction fees in Reidsville, Asheville, Winston, Durham & Danville is ten cents a pile under one hundred & twenty five cents for piles weighing over one hundred. Henderson & Warrenton charges fifteen cents under one hundred

After the Kingston & Durham were
found such that over time proposed
charges that were more than
they now charge they were perfectly
satisfied & opened your delegation
that we had their sympathies.
Our effort has not been fruitless.
Cooper is now offering to sell
at the Alliance warehouse charge.
I do not know whether he does
this to all, or only to agencies
over where he thinks it will do
the most good. Our Alliance brethren
from Durham & Oxford opposed our
bill as they did not want the
other warehouses to reduce charges
as it would reduce their sales,
I refer to the Alliance warehousemen.

Fraternally Yrs.
John Graham.