

Ingram NC

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N.C. State Alliance

Dear Sir and Brother

I wish to know what to do with my alliance. The members is all so poor that they cant pay there dues. if I drop them my Alliance will have to go down I dont suppose there is 3 members out of 18 that can get seed corn or cotton seed to plant we made neither corn nor cotton last year we all are compelled to go to the Merchant and bargain and beg them for something to live on. Most of them cant make any arrangement and ~~have~~ left home to seek work where they can find it rather than starve I dont suppose there is cotton seed or corn in the Gaston township to plant the land that was planted last year Please tell me what to do shall I surrender the Charter or not I dont want to do that if I can help myself our farmers did not own a ridge on half a bale of cotton to the horse and run of them did

gather a peck of corn off of Thare farm
Provision is cheap but we have not got
no money to buy with As for my self I am
69 years old served over three years in the war
I have never seen such a time before in all my life
The ~~wrong~~ grass is tramping the road day and nite
looking and work not seeing able to find any
sweet potatoes planting and then ~~must~~ have to make
up the deficiency as it is all the can get

Please advise me what to do and oblige

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