

Greensboro N.C. April 13, 1880  
Elias Carr President of N. C.  
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Dear Sir Hinton  
Alliance no 1818 met at a  
called meeting April 13<sup>th</sup> 1880  
by order of the President to  
adopt some resolutions and  
forward same to the President  
of the N.C. State Alliance in  
regard to who is eligible to  
membership according to the  
constitution and instructions to  
President, we find some of  
the Alliances have taken in  
members who are not eligible  
according to our views of article  
4<sup>th</sup> of the constitution.

We saw in our last quarterly  
meeting that there will be trouble  
unless article 4<sup>th</sup> of the constitution  
is more strictly adhered to.

Below we give you the occupations  
as best we can gather:

1<sup>st</sup> Is a Probate Judge eligible who  
is now holding that office though  
he owns a farm.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Is a register of deeds eligible for same term above mentioned by his own statement furnishes a horse to work a farm.
- 3 Is a sheriff eligible while holding the office.
- 4 Is a man eligible who lives in a city though he owns farms also owns large R.R. stock and is a director in said road.
- 5<sup>th</sup> is a Rail Road Agent eligible who has been and is apt.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Is a clerk eligible in a store in a city though he owns a farm.
- 7 Is a reporter of Agriculture for the State eligible he lives in a city and owns no farm.

As stated above this is breeding trouble as fast as it can sooner or later the alliance will be gobbled up with office holders and seekers is there no end to who is eligible or not if every one that owns a farm or works a horse on a farm is eligible that lives in a town or city we cannot debar any lawyer from any town or any other town.

It could be remedied by instructing every suballiance to purge itself of such members;  
We think this will suit every honest alliance man.

We could ask more questions but do not wish to weary you as this is the first from this alliance. We earnestly request you to answer us privately and through the progressive farmer.

Unanimously Endorsed by said Alliance

Fraternally Yours

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