Our lodge numbers
nearly 60 members.
This resolution was passed
when 23 were present.
15 voted for, & 8 against
it.
The brother who is
running the merchants gin
called for a withdrawal
card. & I think a goodly
number will do likewise.
Yours fraternally
HO Whitly. M.D.

No jurisdiction - Advise
a full meeting in
important matters -

Oct 1st 1889

Big Lick N.C.

Mr Elias Carr Pres of N.C.F.A.

Dear Sir & Bro.

I wish to State an action of Big Lick Alliance No 555. to yow, & please write me what yow think of it. We have two cotton gins in Big Lick, one is owned by two alliance brothers, the other belongs to the Alliance's merchant, (he is non-alliance, but is the only merchant, who would run us.) This merchant has employed, two alliance brothers, & pays them a fixed price for each bale ginned. The Alliance ginners propose to furnish money to buy cotton bagging, for the Alliance, provided they pledge themselves to patronize his gin. our merchant ginners said he would furnish money to our agent, for the interest at 8 p%. without their pledge to patronize him. how the action was this Resolved By Alliance No 555. That we have the said Alliance ginners to gin our cotton. if they will furnish money to buy cotton bagging.