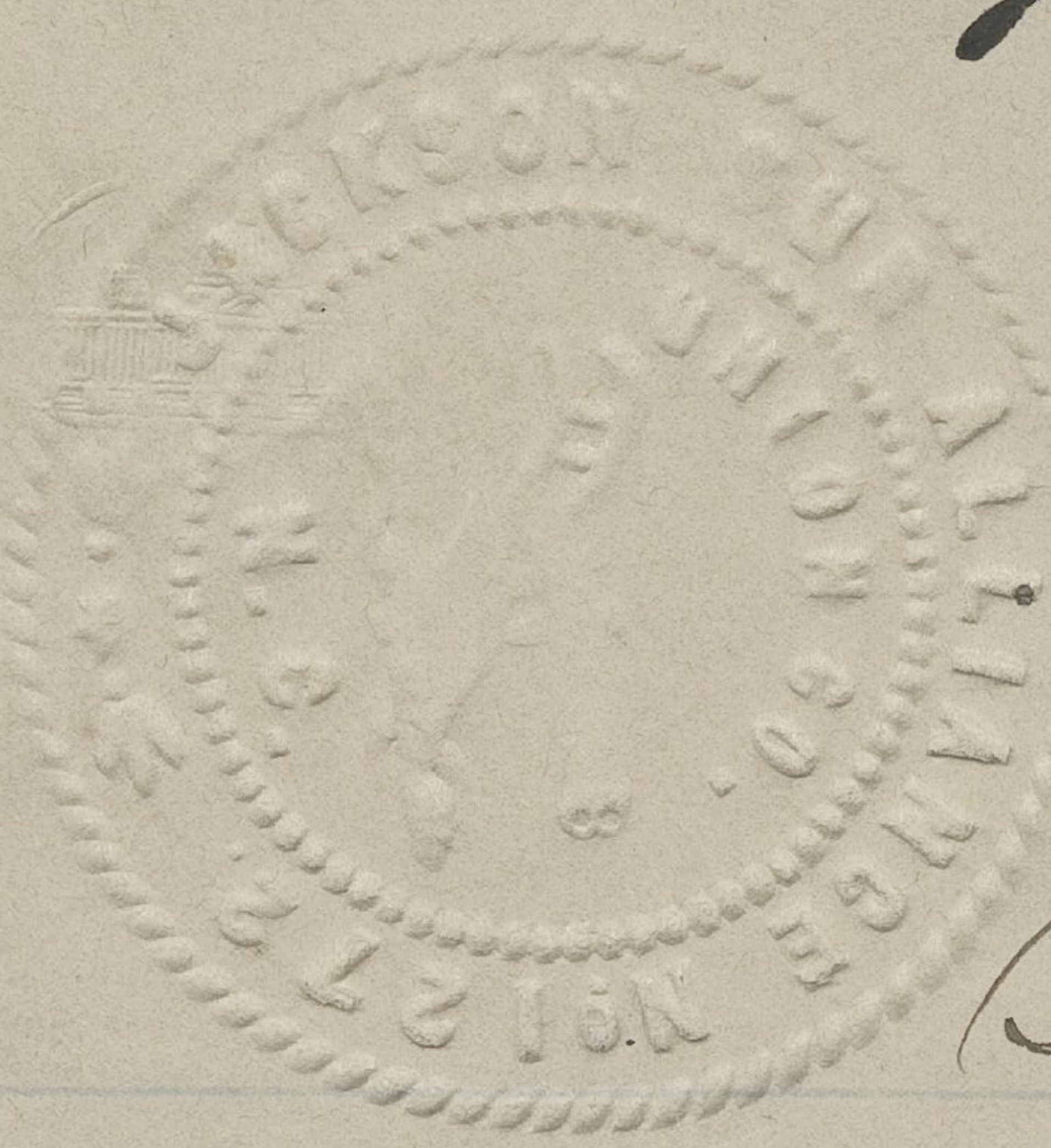


Not eligible



Walkup A. C.

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> / 889

Elias, Car. Old Sparta A. C.

Dear Sir. & brother

having been appointed on  
a committee to investigate  
the matter, as to what con-  
-stitute a merchant. Under  
the constitution of the  
farmers Alliance. I  
hereby appeal to you  
for a final decision.

Now I am aware of the  
fact that this question has  
been answered several  
times. Thro the progressive  
farmer. and also in the  
working bulletin. it  
it does not give final de-  
-cision.

tion, in our sub alliance  
in that in every case the  
word licence is used.  
Now to make my case or  
our case more plain  
I will state. That when we  
organised. There was two  
of the 16 members doing a small  
business. But without a licence  
since that time. or about  
18 months after organising  
the matter was brought up  
in open alliance. and  
discussed with some feeling  
and big difference of opinion  
and on motion the matter  
was deferred. til settled by  
some one more competent  
to judge. as to the constitution-  
ality. Now one of these  
members has \$1000 dollars  
invested in his little store &

The larger portion of his trade  
is from the colored people.  
The other one made his return  
(before me as a J.P.) for  
purchase tax for 6 months  
which amounted to \$18 <sup>65</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
dollars. These members claim  
to keep their goods for the  
purpose of paying for work  
but sell to any body that  
calls for such as they have  
law or they merchants or  
are they eligible members.

Yours fraternally  
R. J. Sisstare

Secy. Jackson  
No 1272

P.S. I'll close stamped  
envelop. and wish an  
answer by return mail  
as our regular meeting is the last sat