

[Oct. 29, 1889]

Elias Carr

President A. C. F. & C.

Old Sparta, A. C.

My Dear Sir

Your favor of the 23d inst, in reply to my question (dated the 18th inst) to hand, and as it fails to impart the desired information I hasten to explain the circumstances more fully. So as if possible I may receive your approval of any action that the Wake County Alliance may see fit to adopt. Messrs H. N. & R. F. Tucker & Co of Raleigh offered me a position as salesman in their store. They have been endorsed as merchants

wish the Alliance
and County in their
of goods, and the officers
County Alliance seem
over my accepting it.
I have carefully noticed
the proviso referred to, and
it seems to me that if the
salesman was restricted
to sell only to the members of
the alliance that he would
be virtually under the super-
vision of the alliance, as
required by the Constitution,
though he owned no share
in the stock. My candid
opinion is if it varies
one iota from the Constitu-
tion as it now is, that the
members individually would
demand a reconstruction
of the constitution in that
particular. Because we

make such arrange-
ments as would seem most
desirable to themselves and
the Farmers Alliance Bro
Jas Powell is the business
gent and he is my advocate
between the firm and myself.
If you can throw any influence
on my side to accept the position
and hold my membership you
will oblige me by imparting such
information to Bro Powell, as I
am anxious to have the matter
settled. I will in no wise jeopardize
my eligibility to the Farmers Alliance
for the chance to make more
money and even easier than
I do now as a farmer.

With the strongest ties of a brother-
hood I await your early reply

Faithfully yours

H. M. Bateman

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you let me have
your opinion on the
writing. It was referred
to former, Dec 1. Oct 14.
of R. Lee Powell's hand
was not in it I should
say it was an effort to
explain our con-ception-
process -
E.E.

we need of a media-
tor to stand between us
and the merchant endor-
sed. If we are deprived of
this safeguard, where is
our safety? Hoping you will
carefully weigh the matter and
rendering many thanks for
your best wishes to me & mine
I leave the decision to your better
judgement. I am satisfied if it
was a matter for my Sub or County
Alliance to decide they would
most heartily endorse it. If it
would be a legitimate transaction
for any alliance you would greatly
favor me by notifying the president
or business agent of Wake County
alliance. Giving them authority