

Lumberton N.C.
November 30 1889

Mr Elias Parr

Wm Sparta N.C.

Dear Sir & Brother:

Will you
be so kind as to give your ruling in the
following case,

Two men had a difficulty in
or during the year 1885. One a member in the Methodist
Church the other a member of the Presbyterian, the
member of the latter, caused the member of the former
to be brought before a court of his church, he was
tried before said court and submitted to the decision
of the same. (the Quarterly Conference) - The member in
the Presbyterian church was not pleased with the
decision of said "court" and refused to be on friendly
terms with said member of Methodist church unless there
was something more done by said member of Methodist
church than his court required, - said parties both
join the Alliance (No 4) April 1887 - as charter members
both have filled the office of President of said Alliance
Now said member of Presbyterian church causes

the aforesaid member of Methodist church to be brought
before the Alliance board on the good of the order
for trial -

Can matters be considered which reach beyond
the existence of the Alliance, or our membership
of the same?

Or has any one a right to bring up a matter
~~for~~ arbitration which has had a hearing at their
request, in a lawful ~~any~~ Court, and disposed
of four years ago -

A careful consideration of the above & your
ruling in the same will place an Noble Brother
under obligations to you -

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Wesley Thompson

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