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The State was organized; Secty not <sup>being</sup> bonded, the funds were squandered: i.e. "what little was on hand" = New officers chosen, Secty or treasurer defaulted again (no bond having been taken) Complaint of general mismanagement very general, and yet the leading officers exerting such an influence and power as to effectually paralyze and overpower a minority struggling in defence of the Constitution. Many good Alliancemen withdrew, some <sup>or quit</sup> lapsed in disgust. It is in a small incorporated town. A mechanic from the city of Raleigh received. In the mean time Mr M. J. Leach of Raleigh applied, 2 other alliances had exclusive jurisdiction in his case, i.e. "Houses Creek and Swift Creek". Garner however, persisted and received Mr Leach, under what we may call a protest of five of her members who were absent at the time the ballot was taken. A meeting was called for a certain Saturday in order to initiate him. I was appealed to by (over)

the minority for light as to how to proceed. I simply wrote a letter to the officers calling their attention to the constitution in such cases. And informed one of the members, that the letter would be read by the Secty at their meeting on Saturday. ~~When~~ from the President calls together a few members on Wednesday prior to the meeting set for Saturday, and proceeds to initiate the Candidate!! This in some measure explains why I asked the question in the meeting we had at Raleigh during Fare week.

Now they have the Application of Capt Oct-Loke of Raleigh before them. Houses Loxeek and Swift-Creek both have jurisdiction being nearer to the City where he resides. My opinion is that they will ignore the Constitution + Obligation and receive him. I think I can prove by several good Alliances, That the Secret work and general good of our Cause is not safe in the hands of this Alliance.

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> Case is that of Panther Branch 12 miles South of the City. It has been for sometime under the controll of a faction given to habitual drunkness, and partizan intrigue paying little if any attention to Constitutional requirements. So damaging was this evil that a large body of its best Material Colonized and organized at a distance of 3 miles, built up a good alliance of <sup>good</sup> Material composed of themselves and members of a defunct Alliance.

Panther Branch suffered so severely by this withdrawal, that she was well nigh dead, but in order to recover, she has opened wide her doors, and her surviving members in order to maintain an existence, have taken in men who were drunk at the time, and has gone so far as to <sup>allow</sup> ~~let~~ those whom she sought to get into the order, to take and read our obligations before initiation. Closed the door against <sup>over</sup>

females who sought to go in with their husbands prior to the colonization and formation of the New Alliance at Hollands, And now claims original jurisdiction over all the material in that locality, thus seeking to prevent the admission of females into the New <sup>ly formed</sup> Alliance.

Charges have been preferred "vs" a member of Panther Branch, And some of these disorderly officers by first one and then another resort to wire working, prevent the board of Arbitration from meeting to hear and dispose of the case.

It appears that the hands of the orderly members are also tied in this case. I have been appealed to for council in these cases, and as the law seems to give me no authority to proceed, I thus appeal to you to know what to do. There must be a remedy for such evils somewhere.

Yours Fraturnally - J. C.

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