Paint Gap Jancy Co N.C.
Sept 8th 1890

Brother Elias Carr Pres. N.C.S.F.A.

On last friday, by order of our County President, through petition of Subordinate Lodges for a call meeting, to consider the propriety of Selecting an Alliance ticket for our county Officers:- When the following resolutions were reported by a Committee of the different Lodges, for discussion and adoption or rejection:- Resolved

1st That the Alliance of this County put out a full ticke of their own, for the County officers, Representative included,

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Resolved:- That we take the different Officers out of the two parties composing our Order in this County; not with the intention of affiliating with Old Partyism; but as a principle of Harmony in the Brotherhood.

3rd. Resolved:- That we will not support any nominee for the Representative of our County, who will not pledge his support for L. L. Polk as our next U. S. Senator.

After an able and Stiring discussion of the above Principles, they wer almost unanimously adopted, with the exception, I believe, of four dissenting votes. Some wer weak kneed at the Start, being intimidated by Outsiders, with the cry that the Alliance was too young, too weak to take Such

So bold and daring a Step,
and that, consequently, we would
be crushed in our infancy.
We call this Farmerism in
this County, and tell our Opposers,
Old Partyism, that we believe in
Infant Salvation, and if they
commit Infant Side, we are sure
of Heaven, while they will have
to answer for the Sin.
We adjourned to meet again
the first Friday in Oct., to nom-
inate our Candidates and put them
before the Public. Some are
trying to intimidate us by
threats from the Law, that we
as a Secret Order, have no right
to meet and hold Secret meetings
to nominate Candidates for
public Office. Please answer
me at once on this point, giving
your Rulings pointed and plain,
So that I can read them before
The County alliance on that day

The intention of our enemies, is, to get us to hold a public meeting so they can burst us up and carry their evil designs in confusing the Alliance; Threats have been made to this effect, but we do not intend to be intimidated and bulldozed by Party Boss-ism any longer; they greatly fear this, "and that is what hurts."

We have our Corporate rights under the laws of our State, and we wish to be protected in them, and do not wish to go outside of them. Please send full ruling at once on this matter of choosing our different candidates, who are to be good Alliance men, in good Standing in our order. Also, whether a majority, or two third vote will be the proper mode.

Yours fraternally

S. J. Westall. Lect