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Northampton County North Carolina
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Dear Brother -

Our Worthy Brother Wm Bram came to my
House last Evening & in our Discourse
Informs me that he was acquainted with
a Preacher named Isaac Backus calling to
mind the Reading of a Piece of yours setting
forth some years past, causes me to crave
the happiness of seeing your face in Time
but thinking of the Distance being so great
& the Many Years ^{not} that we have both seen can
Expect it, therefore have made bold to
Write to you who a stranger, Dear Brother some
years past the Candle of the Lord seemed to
Shine among us, Sinners were crying
for a Mercy & Saints rejoicing in the Lord
but our Present state seems to be much
to the reverse, many have lately Departed
from the Faith & is to be feared given
heed to Seducing Spirits, Iniquity also
rending & the love of ^{an} Waging Cold, which
causes me many times to complain of my ban
ness, & makes me often crave the Prayers of
all them that know the truth, If we cannot
with your Personal presence we hope to be ^{here} in
Prayer, so I go with a sincere desire that the
Lord may add many ^{days} to your Ministry
& your last Days may be your best Days, witness