

Northampton County - South Carolina<sup>na</sup>  
 February 16<sup>th</sup> - 1797

Dear Brother -

Our Worlthy Brother Wm Brame came to my  
 House last evening & in our discourse he  
 informed me that he was acquainted with  
 a Preacher named Isaac Backus calling to  
 mind the reading of a piece of your letter  
 forth some years past, came me to crave  
 the happiness of seeing your face in time  
 but thinking of the distance being so great  
 & the many years <sup>not</sup> that we have both seen can  
 expect it, therefore have made bold to  
 write to you tho' a stranger; Dear Brother some  
 years past the candle of the Lord seems to  
 shine among us, sinners were crying  
 for mercy & saints rejoicing in the Lord  
 but our present state seems to be much  
 to the reverse, many have lately departed  
 from the Faith & it is to be feared given  
 heed to seducing spirits, Iniquity abo  
 unding & the love of my <sup>an</sup> Waxing cold, which  
 causes me many times to complain of my lan  
 guage, & makes me often crave the prayers of  
 all them that know the truth, If we cannot  
 w<sup>th</sup> your personal presence we hope to be <sup>be</sup>reunited  
 in prayer, so I wd with a sincere desire that the  
 Lord may add many <sup>be</sup> to your Ministry  
 & that your last days may be your best days