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Dear Brother -

Our Worthy Brother Wm Braine came to my
House last evening & in our Conversation
Informed me, that he was acquainted with
a Preacher named Isaac Backus by calling to
mind the reading of a Piece of yours setting
forth some Years Past, caused me to crave
the happiness of seeing your face in Time
but thinking of the Distance being so great
& the Many Years ^{not} we have both seen an
Expect it, therefore have made bold to
Write to you (as a Stranger) Dear Brother, some
years Past The Candle of the Lord seemed 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, Prudently also
undertaking ^{an} the love of my Warning God, which
causes me many times to complain of myself
& makes me often crave the Prayers of
all them that know the truth, If we cannot
with your Personal Presence we hope to be ^{beid}
in Prayer, so I do with a sincere desire that the
Lord may add many years to your Ministry
& your last Days may be your best Days, Witness