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North-Carolina, Northampton Co. 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. 1796.

And Dear Bro.

Bro. William Brame, who has just called on me, informs me that he is about to travel into New-England, and wishes me to write a few lines to you, my dear aged and much respected Brother, which I hope you will receive as a Mark of my Brotherly Affection and Esteem to my unknown Brother, and may I hope serve as Key to open a Door of Correspondence. I have never as yet had the Pleasure to behold your Face or hear your Voice notwithstanding you were once in our State. I was prevented from the Opportunity of seeing you — The Intelligence I have now to communicate I must confess is not very entertaining — Religion in N. C. has been in Years past flourishing but at present on the Decline — Our Association lately convened but it is the general Complaint amongst all the Churches — Dr. Rippon writes me agreeable Intelligence from Europe — From Letters rec<sup>d</sup> from Virginia I understand that Religion seems lively in some Parts, I hope it is in a growing Circumstance with you — Error seems at present to prevail but little, The Dangerous Systems of Thos. Paine and Winchester gain but little ground — The Methodists rather are on the Decline — There appears a to be a very great Scarcity of Grain in our State at present, and as been very much so the Year past Indian Corn has sold for 10 Dollars p<sup>r</sup> Barrel last Year, in some places but not much in general, and yet the Judgments have but very little effect on the People — I hope I shall be able to communicate more pleasing Intelligence in future, In the mean Time I rest, your most Obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup> Bro

in Christ

Levi Burdick