

North Carolina Warren County
Honoured and Dear Brother

Iho unseen yet beloved tho Iam the unworthiest
of all that is meat to be called minister of the
Gospel of Jesus Christ yet Iam desirous to contract
an aquaintance with all the labourers in my Lords
Vineyard, and as I have achance to write to my Elder
brother I hope you will Receive it at the hands of
brother Braine. In which I inform you of the grate
Declention of Religion in our parts which is agrieſ
to the souls of the godly, but yet I look for aſare
better day than this. I mean the latter day glory
when all ſhall be taught of the Lord and grate
Shall be the peace of his people, om̄y brother
Pray for us in North Carolina that the Lord
Would rain down Righteousness from heaven upon
us that his poor ſick mount once more travel and
bring forth Sons and daughters for god, om̄y brother
I feal determined through grace to goon tho afflicted
I bleſſ the Lord not forsaken I yet feal in my soul
to love Jesus om̄y brother stir up the brethren to
come and visit him in our state, pray my brother
Write to me by brother Braine and you well oblige
your affectionate tho unworthy brother in gospel
Bonds — — — — — Thomas Gardner

February the 6th 1797

Elder Brother Bacus — — —