

Norhampton County - North Carolina
 February 16th - 1797

Dear Brother -

Our Worshy 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, caused me to have
 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 tho' a stranger; Dear Brother some
 years Past the Candle of the Lord seems to
 shine among us, sinners were crying
 for Mercy & Saints Rejoycing 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 abo
 unding & the love of my ^{an} Waxing Cold, which
 causes me many times to complain of my
 neighbors, & makes me often crave the Prayers of
 all them that know the truth, If we cannot
 wth your Personal Presence we hope to be ^{be} united
 in Prayer, so End with a sincere desire that the
 Lord may add many ^{be} to your Ministry
 & your last Days may be your best Days