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North-Carolina, Northampton Co. 1st Dec. 1796.

and Dear Bro.

Bro. William Brane, 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 Brothersly 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'd from Virginia understand that Religion seems lively in some Parts, I hope it is in a growing Circumstance with you — Error seems to prevail but little, The Dangerous Systems of Robt. Pain and Winchester gain but little ground — The Methodists rather are on the Decline — There appears a to be very great Scarcity of Grains in our State at present, and as been very much so the Year past. Indian Corn has sold for 10 Dollars per 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 Obedⁿ. Serv^t & Bro^r in Christ

Lem. Burkitt