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Northampton County South Carolina
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Dear Brother -

Our Worthy Brother Wm Brane came to my
House last evening & in our Conversation
Informed me, that he was acquainted with
a Preacher named Isaac Backer, & 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 that we have both seen ^{not} can
expect it, therefore have made bold to
Write to you thro' 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 & is to be feared given
to Seducing Spirits, Iniquity also
rending & the love of ^{an} Hating God, which
causes me many times to complain of my lan-
nes, & makes me often crave the Prayers of
all them that know the truth, If we cannot
with your Personal Presence we hope to be ^{near}
in Prayer, so End with a sincere desire that the
Lord may add many ^{to} to your Ministry
& your last Days may be ^{of} your best Days, Yours