

I take this opportunity, (by Bro. Darns) to convey a few lines to you as a token of my most
 cordial affection to you. I rec^d yours, some time past
 by the little Bro. for which you will thank to accept
 my warmest thanks; believe me, dear Bro. it met with
 a kind reception, and it gives me peculiar pleasure
 that I can get a few lines. Sometimes from my dear
 and respected Brethren in the Ministry, who
 I feel I never am. It would afford me greater
 satisfaction if I had some agreeable intelligence to
 communicate to you, in return for your kind
 favor: But alas! alas! times are extremely alarm-
 ing with us in regard of Religion. I trust I have
 conversed about 28 years, here in the Ministry, ^{win}
 and am now 49 years old. I know that it does
 the free electing, down in Christ Jesus that first
 converted my soul, and I believe that down with
 next me from falling finally away, and by it I
 hope to reach the heavenly Kingdom — But I
 would go I could say (with regard to the Prophecy

Dear and respected Bro.

Answered July 6. 1799.

Lemuel Butcher,

Jan. 23. 1799,

Rec^d July 3.
J. D.

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