

Northampton County South Carolina
 February 16th 1797

Dear Brother—

Our Wor^{thy} Brother W^m Brame came to my
 House last evening & in our discourse
 informed me, that he was acquainted with
 a Preacher named Isaac Backus calling to
 mind the reading of a Piece of your setting
 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 ^{as 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
 heed to seducing spirits, Iniquity abo
 unding & the love of my ^{an} warring Gold, which
 causes me many times to complain of my lan
 guage, & makes me often crave the Prayers of
 all them that know the truth, If we cannot
 by your Personal Presence we hope to be ^{be}re
 in Prayer, so I end with a sincere desire that the
 Lord may add many ^{be} to your Ministry
 & if your last Days may be your best Days, I am