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Northampton County, South Carolina
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Dear Brother -

Our Worthy Brother Wm Braine came to my House last Evening & in our Conversation informed me that he was acquainted with a Preacher named Isaac Backus by 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 can expect it, therefore have made bold to write to you (now 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 abounding & the love of money waxing cold, which causes me many times to complain of my unness, & makes me often crave the Prayers of all them that know the truth, If we cannot w^e your Personal Presence we hope to be rememb^r in Prayer, So End with a sincere desire that the Lord may add many days to your Ministry & your last Days may be your best Days hence