

Northampton County N.C. 1797

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Dear Brother —

Our Worthy Brother Wm Bramne came to my
House last evening & in our discourse he
Informed me, that he was acquainted with
a Preacher named Isaac Backus, 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 ^{not} 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 & it is to be feared given
heed to Seducing Spirits, Iniquity abo
unding & the love of ^{an} Waxing Cold, which
causes me many times to complain of my han
ness, & makes me often crave the Prayers of
all them that know the truth, If we cannot
w^el your Personal Presence we hope to be ^{bere}
in Prayer so End with a sincere desire that the
Lord may add many years to your Ministry
thee & thys last Days may be thys best Days, Turner