

North Carolina Warren County

Honoured and Dear Brother

The unseen yet beloved the I am the unworthiest
of all that is meet to be called a minister of the
Gospel of Jesus Christ yet I am desirous to contract
an acquaintance with all the labourers in my Lord's
Vineyard, and as I have achance to write to my Elder
brother I hope you will receive it at the hands of
brother Brame. In which I inform you of the grate
Declension of Religion in our parts which is a grief
to the souls of the godly, but yet I look for a far
better day than this. I mean the latter day glory
when all shall be taught of the Lord and grate
shall be the peace of his people, my brother
Pray for us in North Carolina that the Lord
would rain down righteousness from heaven upon
us that his provision might once more travail and
bring forth sons and daughters for God, my brother
I feel determined through grace to go on this afflicted
I bless the Lord not forsaken I yet feel in my soul
to love Jesus my brother stir up the brethren to
come and visit us in our state, pray my brother
write to me by brother Brame and you will oblige
your affectionate the unworthy brother in Gospel
Bonds — — — Thomas Gardner

February the 6th 1797

Elder Brother Baccus —