

Northampton County, South Carolina
 February 16th 1797

Dear Brother—

Our Worthy Brother W^m Brame 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 your Letter
 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} 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 Code, which
 causes me many times to complain of my ham-
 pers, & makes me often crave the Prayers of
 all them that know the truth, If we cannot
 wth your Personal Presence we hope to be ^{be} remem-
 bered in Prayer, so I wd with a sincere desire that the
 Lord may add many ^{be} to your Ministry
 & your last Days may be your best Days, I remain