

Northampton County, South Carolina^{na}
 February 16th 1797

Dear Brother—

Our Wor^{thy} Brother W^m Brame came to my
 House last Evening & in our Discove^{ry} he
 Inform^d 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, caus^d 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 tho^{ugh} a Stranger; Dear Brother some
 years Past the Candle of the Lord seem^d to
 shine among us, Sinners were crying
 for Mercy & Saints Rejoycing in the Lord
 but our Present State seems to be much
 to the Reverse, many have lately Depart^d
 from the Faith & is to be feared given
 heed to Seducing Spirits, Iniquity abo^{und}
 unding & the love of my^{an} Waxing Cold, 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
 w^{ith} your Personal Presence we hope to be remem^{bered}
 in Prayer, so I wd with a sincere desire that the
 Lord may add many ye^{ars} to your Ministry
 & your last Days may be your best Days, I remain