

Northampton County, ^{Mass.} So. M. Garrison.
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 February 17th 1797

Dear Brother -

Our Worlthy Brother Wm Brame came to my
House last Evening & in our Discourse he
Informed me that he was acquainted with
a Breacher named Isaac Backus calling to
mind the Reading of a Piece of your Letter
for the some Years past, caused me to frame
the happiness of seeing your face in your
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 ^{as a} stranger, Dear Brother some
years past the candle of the Lord seems to
shine among us, sinners were crying
for Mercy & saints rejoicing in the Lord
but our Brevent State seems to be much

To the Reverend, many have lately departed
from the Faith & is to be feared given
heed to seducing Spirits, Guiltily abo-
unding & the love of my Waning Love, which
causes me many times to complain of my con-
fess, & makes me often leave the Prayers of
all them that know the truth, If we cannot
see your Personal Presence we hope to be heard
in Prayer, So I end with a sincere desire that the
Lord may add many such to your Ministry
& your last Days may be your best Days, Yours