

Northampton County, South Carolina  
 February 16<sup>th</sup> 1797

Dear Brother—

Our Worthy Brother Wm 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 of some years past, gave me to know the happiness of seeing your face in time but thinking of the Distance being so great & the many years <sup>not</sup> we have both seen can expect it, therefore have made bold to write to you tho' 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 abounding & the love of my <sup>an</sup> Waxing cold, which causes me many times to complain of my lameness, & makes me often crave the Prayers of all them that know the truth, If we cannot w<sup>th</sup> your Personal Presence we hope to be <sup>aid</sup> in Prayer, so I end with a sincere desire that the Lord may add many <sup>be</sup> to your Ministry & that your last Days may be your best Days, I remain