

Northampton County, South Carolina^{na}
February 16th 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
forth some Years past, caused me to crave
the happiness of seeing your face in Person
but thinking of the Distance being so great
& the many Years ~~it~~ we have both seen an-
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 a mong 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 ^{an} ~~my~~ Waxing Cold, which
causes me many times to complain of my hard-
ness, & makes me often crave the Prayers of
all them that know the truth, If we cannot
obtain your Personal Presence we hope to be ^{heard} ~~remembered~~
in Prayer, so I end with a sincere desire that the
Lord may add many ~~years~~ to your Ministry
& your last Days may be your best Days, I am