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Dear and respectable Bro.

I take this Opportunity, (by Bro. Braine who has just called on me a few Hours) to convey a few Lines, to you as a token of my most cordial Affection to you. I rec'd yours, some time past by the little Bro., for which you will please to accept my warmest Thanks; believe me, dear Bro. it met with a kind Reception, and it gives me peculiar pleasure that I can get a few Lines. sometimes from my dear and respectable Brethren in the Ministry, whose Faces I never saw. It would afford me greater Satisfaction if I had some agreeable Intelligence to communicate to you, in return for your kind Favor: But alas! alas! Times are extremely alarming with us in regard of Religion. I trust I have converted about 28 Years, <sup>been</sup> in the Ministry 27 and am now 49 Years old. I know that it was the free electing Love in Christ Jesus that first converted my Soul, and I believe that Love will keep me from falling finally away, and by it I hope to reach the Heavenly Kingdom — But I would <sup>to</sup> God I could say (with regard to the Prosperity