

Northampton County South Carolina

February 16<sup>th</sup> 1797

Dear Brother -

Our Worthy Brother Wm Brainerd 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 yours setting  
forth some years past, caused me to crave  
the happiness of seeing your face in time  
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 who I strayed, Dear Brother some  
years past The Candle of the Lord seemed to  
shine among us, sinners were crying  
for a Mercy & saints rejoicing in the Lord  
but our Present state seems to be much  
to the reverse, many have lately Departed  
from the Faith & it is to be feared given  
heed to Seducing Spirits, Iniquity abo  
unding & the love of money waxing cold, which  
causes me many times to complain of my han  
ness, & makes me often brace the Prayers of  
all them that know the truth, If we cannot  
with your Personal presence we hope to be <sup>helped</sup> rememb  
in Prayer, So end with a sincere desire that the  
Lord may add many to your Ministry  
the your last Days may be your best Days, Turnes