

For the County of Torrance
 February 16 - 1797

Dear Brother -

Our Worlthy Brother Wm Brame came to my
 House last Evening & in our discourse
 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, gave me to know
 the happiness of seeing your face in Time
 but thinking of the Distance being so great
 & the many years ~~that~~ it 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 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 contrary, many have lately departed
 from the Faith & is to be feared given
 heed to seducing spirits, & iniquity abo-
 unding & the love of my Warring, Cate, which
 causes me many times to complain of my con-
 fess, & make me often brace 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 days to your Ministry
 & that our last Days may be your best Days.