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Pequa Dec. 9th 1823

Dear Brother Finley

I received your kind letter last evening and was rejoiced to hear that the work of the Lord still prospers, you are comfortably situated as it respects the Mexican Family, nothing but peace and harmony must prevail from the members which compose it, I feel anxious to see you all once more but I fear I shall not this winter however there is no knowing what may come to pass but if I should live to summer I think I shall without fail, please to remember me to all the Family particularly to Mr & Mrs. and deliver me as much as ever your affectionate
Brother J. L. Austin

Brother J. L. Munster

I shall now give you a statement of my a/c
as correct as I can recollect.

I commenced to work for the Mission on 20 October
at the rate of 120 Dollars per Annum, & if worthy
to be raised to 130 but I take it for granted
that I am become an unprofitable servant

However I am satisfied that I have done my
Duty as far as I knew how, and I do not see if
I were to retraced my steps again, where I could
better than, with the Exception of using a little
Deception with the Female part of the Family,
but I never did nor never intend using any disguise
on the other side is the form of my &c

Rev. James, B. Finckle Missionary.

Wm. Sandusky

Y^{rs} Sol^{rs} & Agent

John Johnson
Junior

Oct	31	days	At the best of my recollection
Commenced	19		I lost about 20 working days
Oct	12		and if you find out at any time
Nov	1	"	more I am willing to make it good
Dec	1	"	
Jan	1	"	Months days
Feb	1	"	8 - 41
Mar	1	"	" - 20
Apr	1	"	8 - 21
May	1	"	add 1 - 3
June	1	"	Month 9 - 18
July	1	"	29
Months	8	days	8 96
	23	Shoppers worked	6 Dollars

N.B. \$ - 60
 in the moving
 my chest with you
 to let them to keep the
 lid up as there is 4
 dollars in specie in it
 which might drop out
 by unpacking it

\$ 96 for my services & shoppers -
 14 Due to me of an old ac
 4 for my Cans
 1 paid Samuel Lector which I apportioned
 " you of which you said would
 " amuse in payment of the same
 " 25 you told for Thomas Major
 for half sales

\$ 118 - 25

Received to buy Land 10000
 paid for 4 pair of stockings at 3 1/2 \$ - 1 - 50
 I think I had 3 yds of Linen 52 \$ - 1 - 50
 \$ 123 - 00

Brother Elliot cannot have anything against me in his book as I paid him for my singing book and leather before he started to Lebanon for nothing - 25
 nor did I get any thing of him or his wife \$ 8 - 00

belonging to the Mission to the best of my recollection, with the exception of 1 pair of Mittens worth about 25 cents than I left brother Mann - I found them for I half sold them with Beckett's

I wish you to pay M. Shaffer 14 Dollars which is just what his 23 day work come to at 8.25 per day which will make a balance in your favor of 15 Dollars, this I shall try to send with Mr. Johnston but if I am disappointed you shall rec^d it ere long if Adam Brown is returned he will pay you 2 Dollars for me which will leave 13 remaining, this my dear Brother is a correct statement of my \$, to the best of my knowledge, and I assure you that it is not 1 or 2 Dollars, that shall cause the smallest difference between you & I, nor 15 Days work if there is any mistake I am willing as soon as I see you to have it adjusted

I am sufficiently aware of the critical situation you are placed, between man & man, but still your accountability requires no more of the traveling than what strict Justice demands.

I shall try & have my Box taken to Mr. Shaw please to give whosoever may remove it my Dictionary and young night thoughts which I left with Beckett to be left in Shaw care with anything else that belongs to me please to send in with Mr. Johnston my certificate, if you think me worthy of one, I have not joined the society yet for I expected to go back again, once more I request you to keep me to all Enquiring Friends particularly of the Mission Family in General, Beseeching an Interest in their prayers and God may bless you all is the ardent wish of your

I wish you to write a few lines with John Johnston & enclose my certificate for the land if he should pay you or give it to Mr. Shaw so that he may have a chance to get the patent