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The Record

James B. Finley

John Johnson
agent

Upper Sandusky

Robt. Armstrong

Dear Sir.

Upper Piqua
Feb. 23. 1824

Your favour by Robt. Armstrong has been duly received with the other papers for your attention to that business, pleased to accept of my thanks, the letters for Washington shall be forwarded by mail

I was somewhat surprised to find the Chiefs had taken such a stand against Mr. Shaw. from the tenor of their communication it would seem that he cannot as a man of feeling continue much longer among them I send him by this conveyance a copy of what the Chiefs has laid in against him. This was my duty both as a man and a public officer. It is highly necessary for your character, as well as for the reputation of Religion, that no blame attach to you in this business. I purpose therefore with the favor of Providence, to be at Upper Sandusky on the 22^d or 23^d of March, next month, to investigate the business between Mr. Shaw and the Chiefs. This appointment has been made to suit the time of your departure for Baltimore, and to enable me to hear from Governor Cap. to whom I am writing relative to the difficulty with Mr. Shaw. The Governor's answer will either meet me at Sandusky, or be sent here, we shall I hope

then be able to arrive at such conclusions
as will, if not satisfactory to all, be calculated
to do justice to all concerned

If you wish to go sooner than I have
mentioned to Baltimore, write me, and I will
endeavor to go to you earlier, but on account
of hearing from the Governor, do not wish
to set out earlier if I can help it.

We have no idea where Betts
The Logs could be found, from all accounts he
must be too far off for Armstrong to go after
him, with any hopes of success. I will get
the Shawanoes who are out hunting to
look after him, and bring him home, if they
find him.

The family is well, except myself. I am
often afflicted with palpitation of my heart
and want of sleep. Mrs. Johnston has lately
the 12th child a Boy, 11 of whom are living.
The Lord bless us in many ways, and it is
not the least of his mercies, to give us dear
and interesting children. My oldest son is
now an officer in the Navy at home waiting
for orders. My oldest daughter married and
living in Cincinnati. My mother is still living
and well. I believe I have not seen your
Father since I saw you. My love to Mrs. Finley
and all your family

Yours most affectionately in Jesus Christ
The Rev. James B. Finley.
John Johnston