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## Letter from John Johnston to James B. Finley

John Johnston

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Dear Sir

Northampton, Ohio.

Decr 3. 1825.

I have been at Columbus for a week attending the Canal Board, and came here on Thursday to see my little son who is at the Church Seminary — on my arrival found John Johnston and three other Indian Boys, whom Bishop Chase had procured from the Mohawks. I shall make all necessary arrangements for the support and education of John, and in the spring at the time of vacation, will have him brought home with my son to Piqua.

The Canal Board adjourned on Thursday to meet again in Columbus on Monday, and will Report their proceedings to the Legislature on next Thursday, Friday or Saturday, and I hope to be able to set out for home on Monday or Tuesday week. The progress of the work on the Canals and all other circumstances connected with the undertaking, will enable the Board to make a very favourable Report — it is intended to ask from the Legislature authority to borrow all the money to complete the Canals, as soon as the same can be procured, on terms favourable to the interests of the State.

I am not informed, altho I enquired at several who attended the Conference, whether you have taken any measures to place your scholars a part of the time out of the

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reach of Indian Society. It is found here that John Johnston understands very little of what he reads, and this must continue to be the case so long as the scholars are kept so much of their time out of the Society of the whites if they are occasionally removed, great care should be taken that they be placed in the most exemplary families, both for good breeding decency and piety. There are many things to be learned to complete the character of man beside the knowledge of letters.

Governor Cass will leave Detroit in a few days for Washington City, where he is to spend the winter. It is intended to procure a Sub Agency again for Mr. Shaw. he will not be returned to Upper Sandusky with my consent for notwithstanding I considered his removal a severe measure, and not warranted by any thing that he did. I will not assent to any arrangement that will be calculated to disturb Harmony at Upper Sandusky, or interfere with the just views of your Church in civilizing and Christianizing the Indians.

I have spoken to Mr. Parish the attorney at Columbus in relation to the civil process served on Betty Wright. I will employ him to act in that case, and in all others where you may deem it necessary to have the aid of Counsel, yourself and Mr. Isaac Walker will state the case of Betty Wright correctly to Mr.

Parish, so that he may proceed safely, it is of the first importance that the question be speedily settled. I will compensate Mr. Parish for his services you had better write to him soon that he may have the case brought up for a hearing at the next Court. My opinion is that they have as good a right to sue any Indian on the Reservation as Betty Wright. It is our duty to protect the property and persons of the Indians as long as the Law will support us in doing so.

With great respect &c. &c.

John Johnston

Ind. Agent

The Rev?

James B. Finley

Upper Sandusky