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avoiding all strong purges. And now may the God
 who alone can make means successful sanctify
 prayers, exertions, narcotics - You all & every thing
 for your recovery - & usefulness. I pray your
 old friend - in every deed
 W. Stanley

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 Rev. James W. Stanley
 Upper Sandusky
 Ohio
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 I am much obliged to you
 for your kind & good words to your
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Feb 18th 1826

My Dr. Bro
 Your last letter dated 18th
 Feb 18th I recd last mail & was both pleased &
 profited by its perusal - I now write for two reasons
 1. It is the request of my friend. I Am in perfect
 accordance with my intention. It does me so much
 good to send my heart to my friends, when Providence
 has so ordered it that I cannot see their faces.
 But the subject must be taken from your Will then
 I join with you in prayer to our common Lord that
 you are so far recovered as to "Walk the good & wide
 half a mile without injury." But I am persuaded that
 there is nothing in the universe so well calculated to
 keep your mind in peace & patience as the confi-
 -dence of an oppressor. "I have confidence that my
 gracious Master has afflicted me for my own good
 & the good of others" "That I shall suffer no more
 than is strictly necessary." This is a faith worth ten
 thousand worlds to us poor afflicted sinners on earth.
 To look up thro clouds of affliction & mists of unbelief
 & see the God we love "Doing all things well." And
 at the same time to know that He does not willingly
 give" & "That his everlasting arms ^{are} all round & beneath
 us" This is the foundation on which the following
 fabric is built Viz. "Thy will be done"
 Many fine things have been said & preached about
 But as for myself & you we were born sinners & have

through life given to ourselves & our darker melancholy
proofs that we are yet degenerate & fallen beings. But
God knows our weakness - pities our murmurings - pardons
our sins thro' Jesus' merits - And graciously by affliction
or temptations elicits to ourselves in what secret corner
of our hearts self & pride lurk with greatest sweep!!
It makes but little odds (in reality) whether the day
be dark or shining the duration is so short. And if
the skill of bodily & mental affliction be necessary
in the estimation of heaven, for grinding off our
our pollutions let us never once think of jumping
out of the hopper. We are foolishly employed in
trying to mend, or in murmuring at. Providence!
Heaven & earth shall pass away - But this shall
always be true - All things shall work together for
good to them that love God!!

Yours is a pleasing account of the Mission & Church Books
But after all I have said on Providence above, I
thinking on the disposition of Government respecting the
removal of the Indians - I still feel dissatisfied. Tho'
my judgment ever says God rules. - Why are the Jews
"scattered & peeled" Why is "Ismael" hated against every man
& every man's hand against him? In both cases all I
know is that, God has said it should be so. It really appears
to me that the Indians as Nations are going to come to be!
If this be not the Order of Providence, why suffer by National
Acts the U.S. to invite them from our Missions to the Senate
& then in various ways follow up invitations with threats or bribes!!

If the Wyandots have a right to fix the real value in their
lands & would offer them at congruous prices, it might for
the time being put a stop to their being so pressed to move.
It seems to me a matter of some importance, if they
must move what direction - or in whose Dominions
they could find the best protection!!!

You are fortunately saved the trouble of resigning the
Agency - I am assured of the appointment of
Captain Cap (the Gov's bro) to the Agency at U. Sandusky.
What ever may be the effects of this appointment I am
very glad on your account that there is an agent
for you cannot live long (I think) if you do not
get rid of such burdens. I hope the Captⁿ will feel
himself bound by the instructions of the Gov & himself
The Gov I understand will be on with & introduce him
to - say 10 days after you see this.

As to resigning I have nothing new to write except
that I think you ought quit Sandusky, as soon as
you are able (for a while) to see what effect it would
have on your health. The first good weather get a
waggon & driver - go somewhere - come here, for
my wife thinks she owes you a great deal yet for
carrying her thro' the mill creek mud -

I should have written last night but I cannot see the Dr
yet & I must see him before I close -
I have seen the Dr you will take a teaspoonful of pul-
-verised Charcoal 3 or 4 times per day - & regularly make a
stool twice per day - Make a common the moderate use
of Opia for tides - if this remove your costiveness well - if not
keep your bowels open with the mildest laxatives -