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Rev. James B. Fiskley
Upper Sandusky

James Fiskley
March 18 1823

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Dear Brother I have requested Mr. Shain in a letter dated yesterday, to request you to write to me, respecting supplies &c. but on more mature reflection think it best to be more direct in my communication.

I have heard nothing from you since you left Springfield. My anxiety is still increasing with respect to the Mission family Schoof and the Church under your care at that place. I read in the last No. of the G. Transcript that the work is still progressing among the Indians in which I rejoice, & yet I will rejoice I am still trying to do something for the support of the school, but I am so confined for want of an able & trusty man at home, that it is very little I can do. Benjamin is weakly at best and is subject to the Rheumatism in his neck, so that when I am from home the business of my farm is almost at a stand, and I cannot do more than the work of a half hand. It certainly I

mission will be proper for some person
qualified for the business, to spend all their
time in traveling thro the western part
of the Ohio A. Conference & make collec-
tions for the Mission. I have no doubt
but collections can be made to a
considerable amount in clothing &c. in
a short time. The female Missionary
Society of Xenia & Union have gathered
some things, which with what else can be
collected will be forwarded by the first
conveyance. Should the Mission or any
other Wagon pass for ~~for~~ U. S. they shall
be forwarded. If you say him a wagon
I shall send out the load when
ready it shall be done. My own
visit will depend on the opening of
providence, and when I can I will
if possible bring out something. We
have so little credit to work that it's
beyond my ken to say when I shall
be ready to visit you. One hundred
dollars will put a good hand in my
place and if you cannot do better

I will, undertake to do what I can find
my own heart; My expenses will not
amount to much. It's probable not \$20
for the year. If you can get a man for
\$120. who will do as well as Jacob
you will do well. I will help what I can to
pay ~~for~~ him. I despair of doing as
well as our brother Jacob. But if my
proportion meets your views I can
do better I will do my best. And if I could
afford to do the whole for nothing I would
be thankful to be employed in so
honorable a business. I shall do what
can as long as I live for the Missionary
cause. It may be that I may see
you in a month or two. Let me hear
from you in the mean time. If
you wish Lucy & Ann as an assist-
ant, say so in your answer to this,
I know you wish her to be there. My
love to Sister Findley, Jane brother Elliot
& all the dear Western family & my
brethren & sisters of the forest. and accept
yourself the affection of your brother in Christ
J. Fowler