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Mr James B Finley
Upper Sandusky
Crawford County
Ohio

Pittsburgh
R. Williams

Dear brother 16 Pittsburgh June 24th 1823.

Grace & mercy from God the father & our Lord
Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit be with you &
save you and your evermore & amen.

We have been lately visited in this place by
the presence of our worthy brother Elliott your Colleague
who informed us of the generous reception the Gospel
of God our Saviour has met with amongst our
red brethren of the Wyandott Nation - and that having
viewed it they have found it to be as it is indeed
and with the power of God unto Salvation Moreover
that the many of the children are gathered together
in a regular school where they are especially visited
to raise the heart of God - that is sufficient to make
them wise unto Salvation - that they are five children
learn with great facility and promise to be ornaments
in the enlightened Christian world - Surely all this
is of that God who is rich in mercy and abundant
in goodness and truth toward all the creatures he
hath made - our very souls rejoice at such
good and glorious news - while our hearts earnestly
pray that God may carry on the good work until
all things shall be made anew. untill all

nations kneed ~~to~~ People shall bow with
delightful submission to his precious temple &
every tongue Confess Jesus Love to the glory of
God the Father

I am ashamed to hear to tell you that we
have not as yet in this City shown any good
will to the Miskewag cause by raising a Miskewag
Society amongst us - last year I fully intended
to do so but several circumstances seemed to
prevent and did prevent us - but I think our
way through Divine Providence is now open before us
and ^{we} intend immediately to enter into it we believe
it to be a good work and that we shall enter into
it thankfully. I took the advantage of the presence
of brother P. Mott and the relations he gave to a
congregation of the good work of God amongst our
Indian brethren, and gave out immediately for
our brethren & citizens informed to meet on Thursday
evening next to form a Miskewag Society. I look
with great anxiety to that meeting I know not
what will be done but I hope for great things
as our people here are a benevolent people & the
Cause is good.

But my brother I can assure you we have need
of as much proof as we can possibly get of your
success - as the people in this part of the Country
have been by some people induced to contribute
largely to Miskewag families that have been
sent out amongst the Indians and have then
the discouraging & painful (but how effort to
true) intelligence that they have been doing nothing
and worse than nothing - even getting large establishments
and so conducting themselves as to destroy all confidence
amongst the people they have pretended to serve
I therefore hope you will endeavour to be with
us two at least of our Indian brethren - or
at least one good minister to come with brother
as soon as possible to this place to be at
our first anniversary meeting - brother P. Mott
has promised us he will try to come and conduct
them to this place - and I shall not fix on the
time of our first anniversary, until I hear from
you. I have heard much good of brother Peterson
- theologer & Missioner - and should be glad to see
them but must leave the choice to you whom to
send - I think if they come they will do us
much good - my sincerest love to all the Church of Christ
with yours accept your self of my affectionate regards - as I
am afraid you remain ever in love R. Lydell