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## Letter from John Johnston to James B. Finley

John Johnston

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Upper Pigua

Nov 1. 1823

Dear Sir,

I am at length by the goodness of God enabled to write you a letter. immediately on my return home by the way of Defiance. I was seized with the fever, and was confined to my bed for two weeks. since leaving the bed, have been in a very feeble state, greatly afflicted in my head and for several nights in succession deprived of sleep. now as the weather gets cold my health improves, and my head becomes more settled.

I was very happy to learn from Bishop McKendree's letter to me that you were returned to Sandusky. I hope you have an able and useful assistant, and that all your labours there goes on to your satisfaction. you will not be so much confined now as formerly, and will be able to extend your labours to other Tribes of the Natives. If you contemplate making an establishment among the Chepeways. I will write to Governor Cass, if you desire that I should. have not much acquaintance with the white men who reside in that Nation. it will not be worth your attention to visit them until Spring, as they are all now from home, and will not be at their Towns again until the last of April. they are wild and uneducated, and having both the land and the water (the Lakes) to furnish them with subsistence, they will not easily be made

J. Johnson  
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Upper Sandusky Ohio

James B. Finley

The Rev.

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Hammer.

Mr. Montgomery and myself spent a night with Mr. Coe at his mission establishment on the Maumee. They have a number of Ottawas and Half breeds, and for the time they have been in operation, their progress is as good as could be expected. They appear in my opinion to have too many white persons employed. I often hear from Mr. McCoy, his school is prospering and he is encouraged in his proceedings. The last letter I had from him rated his school at 40 odd scholars.

We have had the most sickly season ever known in this section of the state, have lost very many of our neighbors and friends. We had at one time eight persons sick in our family, but thank God our numbers remain unbroken. We are all spared, to praise Him for his goodness. I trust we shall not soon forget his mercy and forbearance towards us. I have heard you had much sickness at Sandusky after I was there. I have no direct information. Shall be happy to hear from you. Give my love to Mrs. Findley and all the members of your family, to my Indian Brothers and to your scholars. Tell Mr. Shaw that there is no account of any money yet, that no time will be lost in sending it on to him as soon as I receive it. Remember me to Walker and Lewis. Yours affectionately  
The Rev.

James B. Findley

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