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Letter from John Johnston to James B. Finley

John Johnston

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Piqua Decemr 9. 1823

Dear Sir.

I only received by the last mail
your letter of the 17th inst^o covering one
from the Secretary of War to you on the
subject of the allowance for your improve-
ments. I shall do every thing in my power
for your mission consistent with my duty.
The funds for paying the persons in the
Indian Department will be here in a week
and I contemplate going to Sandusky myself
with the money, expect to be there about
Christmas or at any rate. When there shall
give you the necessary documents. I
think it proper and necessary that I
should before signing a Certificate for
so much money, inspect your buildings in
person. This does not imply any want of
confidence in you, it is due to my
future usefulness, and would seem to be
the course required by the regulations. My
Certificate given on the spot will be
conclusive. I shall also have the advantage
of Mr. Shaw's experience.

Bishop McKendree wrote me as
you intimate. I gave you my views
in part relative to your contemplated
mission up the Lakes, in a letter some

John Johnson
Agent

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Piqua 23
Dec 9

The Rev.

James B. Finley

Mission House

Upper Sandusky &

time ago sent you. I think it will be altogether
useless for you to visit that Country before
April or May. as Governor Cass has intimated
to you those Indians are a very degraded
people, and will present to the Missionary
many discouraging appearances.

My best respects to your family and
remain affectionately and sincerely yours

John Johnston

The Rev.

James B. Finley

Upper Sandusky

P.S. I shall take Mr. Calhoun's letter to
you when I go out. I shall take the
liberty of lodging with you as formerly

J. J.