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## Letter from John Johnston to James B. Finley

John Johnston

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Dear Sir

Piqua. Sept. 1. 1824

By the last mail I have received  
from the War Department a letter of which  
I send you annexed a copy. If you and Mr.  
Shaw cannot unite, an exchange of Agents  
must take place. I have none to send you  
except Mr. Pherson or Montgomery. ~~you~~  
will now decide what is best to be  
done, and write me, or if I am able  
being now sick, I will go and see you  
having wrote you so fully before, I have  
nothing more to add on the subject  
I have sent a copy of this to Gov. Cass  
and one also to Mr. Shaw by this mail

Yours affectionately

John Johnston

The Recd

James B. Finley

Upper Sandusky.



(Copy) War Department

Office of Indian Affairs

Aug. 11. 1824

To John Johnston Esqr

Indian Agent Piqua Ohio,

Sir,

a copy of a letter  
to John Johnston  
from the War Dept

Your two letters of the  
24<sup>th</sup> ulto. are received and their contents noted  
It is indispensable that there be harmony and  
cooperation between the Sub Agent and the  
Superintendent of the Mission. The question  
is not which of the two is wrong, but whether  
the mission is impeded in any way, in the  
prosecution of its labours, the plan being ap-  
proved by the Government, by Mr. Shaw of which  
Mr. Finley <sup>the Supt.</sup> can best judge - If it is, Mr. Shaw  
must be exchanged, but if it shall be neces-  
sary to take this step, it will not be considered  
as implying censure, but only as a means of  
preserving harmony - in as much as two men  
may differ and yet both be good men, and  
entitled to confidence. If harmony can be  
restored so much the better, but if after  
what has passed, this shall prove not to be  
realized, then as I have stated, an exchan-  
ge must be made

Very respectfully &c

(Signed) Thos. L. McKenney

Piqua Sept 15. 1824

The Rev.

James B. Finley

Upper Sandusky, O.