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Piqua Ohio }
Oct 24th }
The Rev.
James B. Finley
Upper Sandusky
Ohio

of 4000
Oct 6 1824
John Johnson



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Upper Piqua
Oct. 26. 1824

Dear Sir,

I am favoured with your letter of the 9th inst. Mr. Shaw in the purchase of Cart waggons and other articles over run our means considerably the last year, so that the Agency fell in debt I will allow you for Labour for the year 1825 the sum of Eighty Dollars, and you can expend this in such way as you may think best for the good of the service there. John Lewis will receive the same amount for 1825 for finding his own Coal and striking. there is an ample supply of Iron and materials on hand there for the Blacksmiths Department. you will of course have the management of this, and all the publick property at Sandusky. the buildings occupied by Mr. Shaw, when he moves, will be at your disposal also. if you do not occupy them, please to have good care taken of them.

I purpose being at Sandusky some time in the month of December. my other engagements here and elsewhere will prevent my going sooner. I shall then pay the persons in publick service up to the

end of the present year. after which shall
set out for the Atlantic States about Christmas or
New year.

If you have not already done so. I think you
ought in conjunction with Mr. Shaw take an exact
account of all the publick property on hand at the
time of your taking charge of the Agency. and
receipt to him for it. a copy of the Inventory you
will please to send me.

I will thank you to inform the Indians that I
have lately attended the trial of the murderers
of our Indian friends, in Madison County Indiana
the Court having only 3 days allowed by law to
sit. only one of the murderers could be tried
they all plead separate and had 7 Attorneys
employed. I had 3 engaged on the part of the
prosecution. one of the Criminals. James Hudson
was capitally convicted and is to be executed
at Fall Creek Mills on the 1st day of next
December. the other 3 are to remain in prison
until the Spring Court. It is intended to procure
an act of the Legislature of Indiana to extend
the Term of the Court of Madison County to 2
weeks in the place of 3 days, that the murderers
may be finally disposed of next term. I have a

a strong guard employed day and night to
secure the persons of the Criminals, and no trouble
or expensd will be spared to render justice to
the Indians on this occasion. you may inform
the Indians that there is no danger in their
going into that Country to hunt as formerly
many of the inhabitants spoke to me to this
effect

Please to remember me to the Indians
and all other my friends with you, and
Mrs. Finley in particular. you may
rely upon my efforts - every thing con-
ected with the welfare of the Indians
the Agency or the Mission and School
with great respect yr. ob. S^{vt}

John Johnston

The Rev^d

James B. Finley
Upper Sandusky