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Letter from John McLean to James B. Finley

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Washington City

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My dear brother,

On enquiring, I find that no regular application has been made to the President, by the Sandusky Missions, for any part of the annual appropriation for the benefit of schools among the Indians. I send the enclosed printed papers, that you may make the proper application, and hope that you will permit no delay to take place, as the annual distribution will shortly be made. You were better entitled to a proportion of the ten thousand dollars last year, than many who received it, and it is my wish, that for the coming year, you should have your full share.

There is no such place within the gift of the President, as mentioned in your last. Perhaps Mr. Landree, I presume, must be mistaken. If any thing should offer, at any time, that my influence can secure for you, it will always afford me more pleasure to give, than it will you to receive.

To-morrow two weeks, I expect to leave this place for Ohio. As I shall travel in the stage and in the

steam boat, my progress will be very rapid.

In eight or nine days from leaving the city, I hope to be at home.

We have had a remarkably open winter - the cold weather has at no time continued more than three or four days.

It is a time of general health - but few of the members of Congress have been sick.

There seems to be less done this session than last, in making the next President. Individual exertions perhaps are as great, but there is less noise, and the proceedings in the House, although some of them seem to point to the election, they are less acrimonious than last session.

My love to your family - May God

bless you and yours

John McLean

Rev. James D. Finley