Letter from James B. Finley to Wright & Swormstedt

James B. Finley
Major Wright & Warren

Dear Mr. Wright,

Last night Mr. Wright should have arrived in town and I shall be at the Hotel late tonight. I trust you will be at the Hotel by tomorrow morning.

Yours,
[Signature]

[Note: The handwriting is difficult to decipher in some parts of the letter.]
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I am forever yours. John Finley.

Wright & Reesmatt

I am prepared to sign at any time my
right to the use of the above

April 20, 1808
April 20, 1838

Messrs Wright & Swormstedt

Dear Bretheran – Lest Br. Wright should start to the East before I shall see you I take this method of informing you that I have spent between two and three weeks at sorting and revising the manuscript of the Wyandott Mission. I have added all the original mater I have that is worth publishing and Mr. Brook is writing some account of the year he was their and I have received one communication from Br. Gillruth and expect another. I have written to the Breathren and to Br. Allen the present incumbent to furnish account of the present state all of which I expect to forward to you now in a few weeks.

The printed matter to be introduced is refer’d to as in Br. Eliott’s manuscript and will be more easaly printed from their then from any manuscript I could furnish and I have talked boath with B. Soule and A.W. Elliott and the boath agree with me that my part of the work was to furnish the matter and then you were to have it prepared for the press. If you think the account of the commencement is not full anough your compiler can easaly insert from what I furnished Br. Bangs for the History or from Joseph Mitchels little book Steward’s letter to the Indians and theirs to him or for a fuller account of the commencement of the school Br. Charles Eliott has given the best that can be given and his biography of Between-the-Logs is substantially the same as given by Br. Gillruth and if I was to write it down I would have to repeat the same things, so that I have done all I can for you. Know that I allways disclaimed being able to make a book and it must go through hands better qualified then mine before it will do to see the publick. I will give it all up to you and then it is yours. You can do as you please with it. I do not believe the Book Committee has any thing to do with the arrangement of the matter. That I think is the business of the publishers. The matter has been reported on by the Committee and all I have to say is this. If you think it will add to the sale of the book and make it of more interest to the Concern I will pay for the ingraving of my likeness on steel plate out of what I am to receive inst. If you think other wise I am perfectly satisfyed. You asked me if I would be willing that Br. Elliott’s name should be put on the title page if he is the Editor of the work. I have none [known] that his name should appear as such and I believe he can do it better than any other man living if he will. But when I shall have returned to you I shall feel my self entirely clear of it and will leave you to do with it as you please.

I want my paper changed from Ridgeville Warren County Ohio to Germantown Montgomery County as I expect to move their in a few weeks. Please add Harvey Crampton’s name to your list of stockholders for the German Advocate and add Joseph McDowels name of Germantown Circuit for the same. God has been glouriously with us at the Red Lion (the worst of all places). 99 have found and most converted to God. But Br. Reed will tell you all about it.

I am forever yours

J.B. Finley

Wright & Swormstedt
I am prepared to signe at any time my right & title to the coppy right of the History of the Wyandott Mission. Tell Br. Elliott I will send his manuscript down with the other papers that I have got pretty well through and think it is worth much to the religious world and shall give my harty and full asent to its publication.

J.B. Finley