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Dear Sir,

On my return home a few days ago I received your letter of the 8th inst. I am glad you have got the mill dam, fore Bay and other things appertaining to the Mills secured. The Mills under wise management will be a Bank to the Wyandots, producing them a clear and certain income. The arrangement about marking your Hogs and Cattle was highly necessary. many other municipal regulations for your people is yet wanted, whatever your experience and observation, among them, may suggest, will always meet with my support, we may probably enter into more extensive regulations for the Wyandots next summer when the cration can be all present. my mind has been occupied frequently on the subject since I last saw you, indeed it will be impossible to conduct their affairs much longer in the old track. you must be sensible however that in managing their affairs as publick men, we are to know no party or distinctions. the Christian and the pagan party are equally to claim our attention and regard, we are to be careful that the least partiality may not be perceptible in our publick acts. this I know will be sometimes difficult, yet nevertheless it will be our

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Dec 1824

Upper Sandusky
Ohio -

James B. Finley

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bounden duty to adhere to this rule
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Hudson who is under sentence of death in Madison County Indiana. lately escaped from Prison, was retaken and is to be executed this day. I have had the greatest difficulty in procuring justice for the Indians in this case. The Governor of the State having declined to act in securing the persons of the murderers, the whole responsibility devolved upon myself. The apprehension, guarding trial and execution of those men will cost the United States from 3 to \$4000-

I could get along pretty well if my health was good, but I am greatly afflicted. my complaint I have ascertained to be Dropsy in the breast when I get wet or cold am much worse, often for many nights in succession without any sleep. I can sometimes say that it is good for me to be afflicted, it keeps me more in remembrance of the things that belong to my everlasting rest. He who does all things for the best, knows what is best for me. and my daily prayer is, that I might in all things be resigned to His blessed will. I have a large and helpless family, and my desire is to live for them. my life is now more than ever necessary to them on account of the loss of all my property in the Miami Exporting Co. I at present purpose taking a journey over the mountains on foot for my health. I have hitherto experienced

much benefit by walking in cold weather. my present calculation is to be at Sandusky from the 20th of Decr. or from that on to the 1st week in next month (Jan'y) and thence go Eastward by the way of Lower Sandusky to Pittsburgh to Philad^a and Washington. I may however be mistaken in my calculation, for I have much to do here yet. I have to receive and forward a detailed account of the expenses attending my proceedings in Madison Co. Indiana, and am yet without the materials to make it out. this is now the principal thing I want to enable me to go away

The small sum which I assumed to pay for John Johnston I altogether forgot the last time I was at Sandusky. will endeavor to remember it now

There is some apprehensions of Gen. Jackson succeeding to the Presidency. his success at the Polls has set at naught all our calculations pending the election. Mr. Adams was always my choice, having as I conceived from long and faithful public service, and at the same time an excellent private character. the best claims to the confidence and support of the people I pray that he may yet succeed. I know the Government would be safest in his hands

With great respect, y^r ob. st.

John Johnston

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