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Letter from John Summerfield to James B. Finley

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Baltimore, 10th Decr 1824

My dear bro: Finley

This day week I wrote to say you might draw on Mr. Saml. Harden of this city for Fifty Dollars, which was the sum you desired, & which draft I hope you will easily negotiate; since then I have collected for you a trifle more, — & the purport of my present letter is to add, that you may draw for Thirty Dollars if you choose, additional, making the whole sum Eighty Dollars; — yesterday I paid this sum into Mr. Harden's hands for you, so that he will answer your demand whenever it is presented. — If you have already drawn for the Fifty Dollars, & would rather have the remaining Thirty remitted to you in goods of any kind, let me know, & I will get them for you at prime cost, & send them in any way you wish; also mention in your letter about my son John's clothes, or any thing else that you think I should send him. —

The interests of your Mission lie near my heart; I sympathize with you in your burdens; oh that I could relieve you more! My prayers shall continue to ascend for you, that strength may be imparted according to your day, & that you may be long spared to cultivate the Western forests till they shall bud & blossom like the rose!

Rev. James B. Finley
Sub-agent to the Wyandott Station
Mission House
Upper Sandusky
Ohio =

John Sumner
Dec 10: 1824

And now my d^r. bro^r. Finley, let me again say
to you, that as this sum which I have raised is not taken
out of the Mission funds, & has no connection with them, &
you will lay it out in supplying yourself as well as others,
with some of those comforts which you must stand in need
of in your lonely retreat. You need make no mention
of it in your annual report, unless you choose; may God
bless you more & more, & make you a blessing to all
your charge -

So pray
Your sincerely affect^d. friend

J. Sumner

Let me soon hear from you, that I may know that
my letters have arrived safe.