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Letter from John P. Johnston to James B. Finley

John P. Johnston

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Greenville Dec^r 27th 1824

Dear Uncle Finley

It is only a few weeks since I heard of the change of affairs which has taken place at Sandusky. Had it not been for sickness I should have seen you this winter, it is now nearly five months since I was ^{attacked} with the Chills & Fever during which time I have been scarcely able to attend to business I am almost worn down to the Grave my system now was as much reduced since my recollection as it is at the present time. I have very little expectation of recovering until the mild weather in spring shall return. If I am spared & restored to health again I hope to see you in summer I have been frequently told that it was by your influence that Shaw was dismissed from the public service. & that was your design in going to Sandusky first, which I have always contradicted but I now leave them to enjoy their opinion. Conscious in my own breast that no motives of so secular a nature ever induced you to take your family among the children of the Forest. Seeing now that you are their Guide & protector I hope I will give you grace to conduct yourself in such a manner that you will become a blessing to them & their posterity for ever

John D Johnson
Greenville
1824 Dec -

Dear John
John D Johnson
Greenville

Apparatus
Glas

Mr. James B. Finley

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Piquette
Dec 29th

I wrote sometime ago to Brother Lewis
Concerning a small Box of tools which
I left in Mr. Shaw's ~~Care~~ Care together
with a Due bill of Linus Cutting which
he promised to Collect when he should
finish his Contract for the addition
to the Mills but I have concluded that
he did not receive my letter as I received
no answer you will please to write
me fully and accept of this & give me
every information you can from that
Quarter for I never felt more anxious
to hear from Vandalia than at
this time let me know who keeps
the Post office & what prospect there
is of getting a store on the reservation
where Mr. Shaw is gone & if John
Johnston called to see you on his way to
Philadelphia I wish you could find some
employment for me on the reservation if
it should please the Lord to restore me
to health again as there never was any plan
in this Country that I have ever seen I would
soon live in please to remember me
to Aunt Fanny, Brother & Sister Lewis
all the Mission Family & all the Walker
Family, and am with much respect your

unworthy afflicted Brother John D.
Johnston

P. S. please to direct to John D. Johnston
Greenville Darke County Ohio
to the Care of Mr Greenham Digges
I have been under the necessity of add-
ing the Letter P. to my name to
distinguish it from the rest of the
Johnstons of that name as my letters
have been frequently taken at
of the office & opened before I received
them farewell