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Philadelphia

Feb. 12. 1825.

Dear Sir.

I arrived in this City two weeks ago and have not been able to attend to much business on account of my health, the weather has been extremely wet and warm for the season. I did not wish to go to Washington until after the Contest for the Presidency was over, as not much could be done there at such a time. The Election having terminated, and terminated most happily for all our wishes, I can now go on in good spirits. Thank God the most virtuous and able man has succeeded, the western States have done themselves immortal honor in this business they have eyed the good of the Country, regardless of the clamour of the unprincipled and the ignorant. I hope the honest and independent yeomanry of Ohio will fully sustain our representatives in what they have done. every thing will be safe under Mr. Adams, his talents, prudence and great experience, are ample pledges, you cannot believe how the good people here are rejoiced. I cannot describe to you my feelings on yesterday when the news came, the street at the Postoffice was crowded, that no one could pass you will have the news long before this comes to hand.

I have got the \$50 from Mr. Hardin at Baltimore and shall get the \$400 for you at Washington I have had a Conference with the members of

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the Methodist Missionary Society in this City, it was at their request, I gave them such information as I believe was gratifying to them, about the Mission at Sandusky. They talked of sending some aid out by me, I told them any thing that they intrusted to my care should be faithfully delivered. wherever I go I do full justice to your mission.

You will have seen by the news papers the project about moving the Indians. I think the Law on that subject will pass. The Government is anxious to devise some plan for the welfare and happiness of this people. it will not be proper to say any thing to the Indians on the subject, until we are instructed from the proper authority, if the Law passes, we shall have an unpleasant task to perform, more especially with the Wyandots. whatever arrangement is made, will be liberal. Congress and the President appear to view the Indians and their interests, in the most favorable light. we may confidently expect the same humane and liberal policy to be continued under Mr. Adams.

I expect now to go from here in a week or 10 days farthest. I am tired here and long to be at home again.

You no doubt have heard of the execution of Hudson, he was hanged agreeable to sentence on the 12th January. please to make it extensively known among the Indians. I am indeed gratified that we have in one instance been able to render the Indians equal and

exact justice. The Secretary of War has allowed my expenses in the safe keeping, prosecution &c. of the murderers.

There is no National Callender to be published this year, the author could not sell as many as made it an object. My son has lately come into Hampton Roads in the frigate Constellation. If any thing occurs worth communicating you may expect again to hear from me before I cross the mountains.

My affectionate regards to Mrs. Finley to Mr. & Mrs. Hooper and all my other Christian friends, and particularly to the Chiefs.

Your friend

John Johnston

The Rev. Jas. B. Finley

P.S. I presume The Chiefs did not order the payment of Gunns claim, or I should have heard from you, try and get them to settle that, it will be more to their advantage in the end. J. J.