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The Rev.

James B. Finley

Piqua Ohio Upper Sandusky
Apr 6 Ohio

April 4th
John Johnson

Dear Sir

Upper Piqua
April 4. 1825.

I reached home on Saturday night last the 2^d inst. by the way of Wheeling. Columbus and Urbana have had a most distressing journey thro' Ohio, on account of the roads. I walked a considerable part of the way from Wheeling.

Your letter of the 7th March I found here. The Indians will of course use their own discretion on the subject of attending the meeting at Wapag-Whonetta. the business to be done there is at the instance of the Indians from the west of the Mississippi. it has been urged on the Government by them. I was not consulted at all on the subject.

I drew your money \$450 and have it in Bank in Philadelphia with funds of my own. I shall draw for it at Cincinnati and have it here some time the present month. I did not like to carry money out with me more than sufficient for expenses on the way.

I have yet received no funds for the expenses of the agency the present year, these

come thro Governor Cass. I shall expect a
draft from him the present month, after which
arrangements will be made for Iron Steel &c
and for paying the different persons in the
Agency.

on account of my numerous new and other
engagements I cannot now name a time for
paying the Indians. I have the necessary autho-
-rity for procuring the specie, the trial of
the Murderers in Indiana is on the 2^d Monday
in May, and the Canal board for the first
time meets at Wooster on the 5th May. I
must if able attend, so that it will be late
in June or in July before I can attend at
Sandusky. I will however give you timely
notice. ~~is~~ at the present have not sufficiently
reflected on my course to speak positively

I regret to learn that poor Armstrong is
so unwell. I hope that God may spare him
to his family. You have gained much by winning
over the Warpole. it is to be hoped that he
will prove faithful. please to remember me
to him and all the Chiefs and to all the Walking
to the Mission family Mrs & Mr Hooper particularly

My affectionate respects to Mrs Finley and
am with great respect yr ob. t.

John Johnston

The Rev?

James B. Finley

Upper Sandusky