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Letter from John Johnston to James B. Finley

John Johnston

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John Johnston
Dear Sir

The Rev. James B. Finley
in his absence Isaac Walker

Upper Sandusky.

F. Johnston.

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Upper Piqua
Saturday Sept. 10. 1825

Dear Sir.

The bearer Francis Johnston takes the Iron, Steel, files and Tobacco to Sandusky the sickness in his family has occasioned the delay and he is the only waggon and Team I could procure. I hope the whole will reach you in good time. a List of the different articles is annexed to this sheet. The Bibles and Testaments for yourself and Montgomery is in a Box marked with your name. you will please take some safe opportunity of sending them for Mr. Montgomery down to him with the enclosed letter, or send the letter the first conveyance. There is a Bible Testament and some Tracts in the Box for my namesake and adopted son at the Mission School. his name is written in all of them I will make arrangements at the Church Seminary in Worthington for educating this Boy for the Ministry, if it would be agreeable to his friends and Relations, and to the person having charge of the Mission. please to write me on this subject. I am convinced more and more unless your scholars are scattered a part of the year in white families. your labour and expense

will be lost. as I once suggested to you they
ought one half of the year to be placed, only one
in a House, in the most correct exemplary families
of white people. your Preacher could easily select
places and transmit the names to the Mission
that there might be no derangement in the
plan. take good heed to this suggestion. for I am
fully persuaded if it is not adopted, your mission
and school will be added to the Catalogue of
failures in attempting the Civilization of the
Indians.

I want you to send me an acknowledgement
for the Bible and Testaments. not a receipt but an
expression in your letter, as I wish to account for
their distribution to the excellent persons who
sent them. the same will be requested from
Mr. Montgomery.

Please to send my letter to Mr. Montg-
-omery soon
with great respect yr ob. st.

John Johnston

The Rev.

James B. Finley

Upper Sandusky