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Letter from William Walker to James B. Finley

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Thee
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 James B. Finley
 Baltimore
 New York
 James B. Finley
 Attorney
 Baltimore
 July 14th
 1826

James
 Walker



16 Janansky July 15th 1826.

Dear Bro:-

In great haste I sit down to drop
 you a few lines, the object of which is, merely to
 inform you that the annuities will not be paid to
 our Chiefs until the last week in next month, so
 Johnston informs us by letter.

He also informs us that
 he is authorized by the Secy of War to fit out explo-
 -ring parties from each nation, for the purpose of
 examining the far famed western shore of the Miss-
 issippi; the land of Paradise for Indians:

A land of deepest shade

Unpierc'd by human thought

Oh ye fugitive sons of the forest where can ye
 find an abiding place to rest your wearied limbs
 and sing the songs of your fathers in peace!
 Unhappy people! never will the white man rest
 till the Pacific Ocean drinks of your blood.

We are all well and thank God for it. Our Daughter
 Martha has entirely regained her health. Mrs Finley
 is well. The people in this neighborhood are generally
 well.

I had no strange news to write you
Remember me to the three Buthans.

P. P. B. B. B.

Yours truly
William Walker

[Faint, illegible handwriting on the back of the letter, possibly bleed-through or a second message.]