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## Letter from Charles Elliott to James B. Finley

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Rev. James B. Finlay.  
Hidgenville  
Warren Co.  
Ohio.



43 Cincinnati Jan. 10th 1839.  
Dr. bro.

As one of the pillars of the West, and a father in the  
Theism, it is my decided conviction, that you should take up  
your pen and contribute largely to our columns, on such  
topics as your judgment may suggest. It must ap-  
pear obvious to you that our columns need to be better  
supplied with original interesting matter. We are com-  
pelled for the want of better, to publish several pie-  
ces, which we would otherwise reject. For the  
position you have been placed, and the exertions you  
have made in behalf of the Western Ch. A. S. we  
have reason to expect you will take up your  
pen and contribute largely to our columns.

Allow me also to say that you owe it to the  
public and to God, to collect, arrange and publish a his-  
tory of the Wyandots, or something amounting to this.  
I have looked for this for many years, but have  
been most grievously disappointed. When I edited  
the Pittsburgh Com. Journal, I published several  
pieces under the head of Indian Mss. Reminiscences.  
without ever supposing they would receive a more  
permanent form. But the whole were collected and  
published as a S. Schael Lib. Book. No 114. But mine  
embraces only a small part of what you could collect.  
Please consider this matter, and examine what is your duty.

On yesterday I learn that bro. Neph closed a bargain  
for the corner lot made to that already purchased by  
the Agents for the Book concern. The price I did not learn.

My suggestions, advice, reproaches which you want  
be pleased to communicate to myself or Mr. Hamlin as  
advice will be thankfully received and properly employed

Rev. James B. Finlay. Yours in Christ  
Charles Elliott