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Wm. Walcher

W. Saunders
Oct 4th

Rev. J. P. Finley
Lidgville
Ohio

W. Walcher
W. Saunders

Upper Sandusky Oct 4. 1837.

Dear Sir,

Since my last letter informing you the state of affairs with us and what I conjectured to be the ultimatum of the pending negotiations, nothing has transpired particularly interesting, except the very sudden removal of the Commissioners, and entire suspension of their operations among us. This circumstance taken in connection with the appointment of N. H. Swayne, District Attorney to be associated with them, as Principal Commissioner, and his refusing to accept, induces the belief that our solemn protest to the War Department, and the communication of Gov. Vaner, have had the desired effect, and the fey of war has, or will, reach the Commissioners and the whole come to an end. Gov. V. has forwarded a copy of his communication to the fey of war, and I think it will come.

It appears that the emigrating party itself has become dissatisfied with the course of the Commissioners, and lately had at their last interview a "blow up".

With regard to the work we have on hand, I am sorry to say circumstances seem to conspire against us, at least against our Canada trip. The annuity has not as yet been paid and no prospect of its being paid soon, and it is out of the question for me to leave till this is over, — not on account of my own business, but altogether on account of my relation to the Council, and numerous other public matters which regard my pursued at home for some time yet, and I am afraid it will be so late in the season as to render it impracticable to go this season. I have, however, secured the services of Monro to accompany us when we do go. If, however, the annuity should be paid soon, and an opportunity should offer, I will drop

you a line apprising you of the opportunity.

Old Shawnee and Thomas Coke had a fracas in a drunken
spray in which Dr Coke received 4 stabs of which he died
a few days ago. On last Monday he had his trial
which resulted in a sentence of 4 months imprisonment, and
a fine of \$50.00. On last Saturday night one of the
young Solomons stabbed your son Jas B F Driver, about
one inch and a half below the left nipple, and the wound
is considered by many as mortal; still I entertain hopes of
his recovery. If, however, he should die, Solomon
will unquestionably be shot, as he is an old offender.
James received the stab for trying to interfere and to pre-
vent him from stabbing another young man. This caused
Solomon to turn on him. Old Shawnee would have
been shot had it not appeared that he stood in self de-
fence - he being assailed by the Doctor and his Brother
in law -

As I informed you of mother's severe illness, I
can now she has entirely recovered. Nancy has lost
her youngest child.

Our Missionary, Mr Allen, I think
will do better than his predecessor, at least, we hope
so -

The stage has come Farewell. Write soon.

Yours truly

Wm W. Hall

Rev J. B. Finley