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## Letter from James B. Finley to John Johnston

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**Upper Sandusky** 

April 26, 1826

## Mr. Johnston

Some time has elapsed since I have attempted to address a few lines to you. Since whitch time I have been confined and still am with much afflictions. In your last you requested me to give my oppinion with respect to moving the Indians. The reason I did not answer your request was I thought that you long since knew it and that you did it to try to involve me in some difficulty as I have the honnor to differ very widely in this as well as in other respects from you. In my oppinion 2<sup>nd</sup> the imperious manner in whitch you wrote that they must & shall. I thought it was rather the language of self importance then that of the government & 3<sup>rd</sup> you had no right to make any demands of me or any other officer under you as you were not instructed by your Superior in office nor by the government. It plainly shew'd to me a premature zeal unauthorized either in your instruction or in your relation to the Indians 4th I could not with any degree of propriety state it as coming from you to the Wyandotts for I wish to see men act consistant with themselves and these Indians look for it. Do you remember the counsel you held with these people in the Mission pasture and what you stated to them as your last dying words never to sell their land nor exchange for this the only shot you have on Earth and the moment you sell this all is gone and you are ruined for ever. Look said you at your Bretheran the Dellawares who were persuaded to sell & go west of the Mississippi. They have written to me letters of sorrow and how they are ruined. Now if you should sell your lands you will be ruined as bad as them and farther. Before I would suffer myself to be employed as a commissioner to come to purchase your land I would resign my office as an agent. Now Sir, these protestations you made in my hearing and that of others who remember them well.

How does this look with your present unauthorized exertions to afflict the Poor & Needy. You ought as a man professing Christianity to be ashamed of such a course. However if you can so easily trifle with your publick vows I assure you Sir my soule shall not come into your secrett.

And as you have given freely what reports say about my trying to injure Capt Cass whitch is founded
in falsehood, suffer men to say to you not behind your back that there are many conjectures about
your unauthorized zeal to move the Indians. There are suspitions that you are trying to aim a Deadly
Blow at your superior in office and who by the by has impudence enough to differ from you in
oppinion about the exterminating plan set in force by & others and the oppinion is that you wish
if this law should happen to pass in any shape to have your self appointed a commissioner. But this I
think will not do. You know wouldbesides the Indians have no confidance in you. Your
language changes your sentiments so much renders you very suspetious.

Dier Sir, after these glum statements (whitch I take may prove what I desire—Men should convict in your breast of the folly of your course and bring you to consideration & reflection). I hope you will not think me your Enemy because I have told you the truth. I received a letter a few days since stating that the first plan was abandoned and I have received Mr. Barbours report. It is plain that he disapproves of the Plan of Moving, but if it must be, it must by the consent of the Indians.

Now would you Sir like for Congress to pass a law to transport every Irishman to Botney Bay or out of the United States and with as much justice and with as much humanity. May you scare and persuade these poor helpless Indians such as to go to their own distruction to satisfy a few covetous land holders. Such a nefarious thing God will not let prevail.

As it respects myself no power shall compel me to advise these my Christian brethren to a step that in my judgement and in the judgment of many others. And these men that will exterminate from the face of the Earth. If they must die because they are Indians come and do as we did \_\_\_\_\_ with them all at once. This is what many want Blood or Land. Come and take Boath. Now Sir you have got my sentaments. I hope you will let me alone and I shall let you and if you should see any more Indians from this country you can make all the necessary inquiry of them about affairs and then report it to Mr. Walker and try to spread it everywhere else if you can not impose me a fair and just allegation. Do as you do other things. I am yours.

J.B. finley

PS If you have any demand to make