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## Letter from John P. Johnston to James B. Finley

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Greenville Dec. 27<sup>th</sup> 1824

Dear Uncle Finley

It is only a few weeks since I heard of the change of affairs which has taken place at Sandusky. Had it not been for sickness I should have seen you this winter, it is now nearly five months since I was <sup>attacked</sup> with the Chills & Fever during which time I have been scarcely able to attend to business I am almost worn down to the Grave my system now was as much reduced since my recollection as it is at the present time. I have very little expectation of recovering until the mild weather in spring shall return. If I am spared & restored to health again I hope to see you in summer I have been frequently told that it was by your influence that Shaw was dismissed from the public service. & that was your design in going to Sandusky first, which I have always contradicted but I now leave them to enjoy their opinion Conscious in my own breast that no motives of so secular a nature ever induced you to take your family among the children of the Forest. Seeing now that you are their Guide & protector I hope <sup>Lord</sup> will give you grace to conduct yourself in such a manner that you will become a blessing to them & their posterity for ever

John D Johnson  
Greenville  
1824 Dec -

Dear John  
Johnson Sr  
Greenville

121  
Piqua Ohio  
Dec 29<sup>th</sup>  
Mr. James B. Finley  
Apparatus  
Ohio

I wrote sometime ago to Brother Lewis  
Concerning a small Box of tools which  
I left in Mr. Shaws ~~the~~ Care together  
with a Due bill of Linus Cutting which  
he promised to Collect when he should  
finish his Contract for the addition  
to the Mills but I have concluded that  
he did not receive my letter as I received  
no answer you will please to write  
me fully and accept of this & give me  
every information you can from that  
Quarter for I never felt more anxious  
to hear from Sandusky than at  
this time let me know who keeps  
the Post office & what prospect there  
is of getting a store on the reservation  
where Mr. Shaws is gone & if John  
Johnston called to see you on his way to  
Philadelphia I wish you could find some  
employment for me on the reservation if  
it should please the Lord to restore me  
to health again as there never was any plan  
in this Country that I had ever seen I would  
soon live in please to remember me  
to Aunt Tully, Brother & Sister Lewis  
all the Mission Family & all the Walker  
Family, and am with much respect your

unworthy afflicted Brother John D.  
Johnston

P. S. please to direct to John D. Johnston  
Greenville Darke County Ohio  
to the Care of St. Greenham Digges  
I have been under the necessity of add-  
ing the Letter P. to my name to  
Distinguish it from the rest of the  
Johnstons of that name as my letters  
have been frequently taken at  
of the office & opened before I received  
them farewell