

1779.
November 13,
Niagara. Butler to Haldimand. Forwarding pay bills, &c., due to the rangers, with remarks on certain charges for bounty, &c. Mr. Pawling's commission as Quartermaster has not yet been received; suggests the appointment of a good sergeant to the adjutancy. Page 190
- November 20,
Niagara. The same to the same. Stating that he will give Colonel Johnson every assistance in his power. Is sorry that it was not in His Excellency's power to procure liberty for his (Butler's) family; hopes it may be done now by Schuyler's proposal. 192
- List of men's names that have joined Col. Butler during the summer of 1779. 195
- 1779 (?) List of prisoners in the hands of the Congress, belonging to the corps of rangers, royalists and their families. 436
1780.
February 2,
Montreal. Walter Butler to Mathews. Returns thanks for His Excellency's attention to the release of his father's family. Calls attention to the wants of the families of some of the rangers; provisions are so high that the men cannot purchase them for their families, sent down from Niagara to ease the demands on provisions there. Suggests that Captain Dame should be sent to Niagara. 196
- February 7,
Quebec. Mathews to Walter Butler. Orders have been sent to Captain McAlpine to make inquiries respecting the families mentioned in his letter (p. 196) and to give such relief as circumstances admit of. 198
- February 12,
Quebec. Haldimand to Butler. The reasons given by the Indians for not leaving the country appear to be reasonable (p. 187); if they by hunting, &c., relieve the strain upon Butler and enable him to get through the winter without distress he shall be pleased. Enters into details respecting the pay and allowances of the rangers as compared with the regular forces; he will do all in his power for the officers and men but he has also a duty to the King to observe economy. Has taken upon himself the responsibility of naming him (Butler) a Provincial Lieut. Colonel. Is sensible of Captain Butler's zeal and activity, but cannot promote him over the heads of so many officers of merit and long standing as compose the army in this Province. A flag will be sent in a few days, requiring that Mrs. Butler and family be sent into the Province in exchange for Mrs. Campbell's family. 199
- February 21,
Montreal. Walter Butler to Mathews. Is very sorry to learn that the flag for Albany had passed St. John's as he had intended sending by it some money to his mother. Is sensible of His Excellency's favour in the promotion of his father, but is at a loss to know why he himself has been passed over. Captain Dame is waiting for orders to leave for Niagara. There is nothing going on but feasting and dancing; he finds it as hard as scouting. To change the scene, McDonnell and he intend to make the tour of the mountain every other day on snowshoes. 205
- April 25. Statement showing the daily expenses of the corps of rangers under the old and new arrangements. 207
- April 29,
Niagara. Butler to Haldimand. Returns thanks for his promotion; he constantly inculcates fidelity on the Indians, who still appear warmly attached. Scouts have been out during the winter; one party returning with prisoners, through carelessness let them untie themselves at night, so that after killing five Indians they escaped. Brant and others still out. The scarcity of provisions among the rebels; their currency worth only one silver dollar for a hundred of paper. Points out the necessity of contingent money for the rangers, owing to the liability to have their arms, &c., damaged. Asks leave to come down to settle his family when they arrive;