

penalty was inflicted on the bearer of a despatch from Butler to Clinton. Butler contrasted the conduct of every officer of the rangers on all occasions, and pointed out to Clinton, that unless some steps were taken to restrain these acts of barbarism, his own men would be under the necessity of doing themselves justice. *

* Butler's words are worth preservation: "The conduct of every officer both of the Rangers and Indian department in exerting themselves on every occasion to preserve the Lives of Prisoners taken, and also to treat them particularly well at Wyoming and Cherry Valley last campaign, and this by captain Macdonnell, should set the rebels an example, if they were men possessed of humanity or common justice, to do the like." [Can. Arch., Q. 16.1, p. 358.]

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