

1781. only been on half rations from the beginning. Calls attention to the want of ammunition for practising. Page 303
 December 7, Butler to Mathews. Forwarding memorial and recommendations. 304
 Niagara. Memorial of John Dockstader, on behalf of his brother's widow, follows. 305
1782. Memorial of John Stedman, contractor, for the carrying place at Niagara. 307
 April 17, Niagara.
- May 16. Mathews to Butler. Acknowledging answers to previous letters. Goods for Indians, seed corn, &c., have been sent. Dockstader's memorial received, but cannot be complied with for reasons given. (Dated, but with neither place nor signature.) 310
 May 19, Same to the same. Expressing in more formal terms substantially what is stated in the preceding letter respecting Indian goods. 312
 Montreal.
- June 1, Butler to Mathews. Asking for information respecting the "Betsy," reported to be lost, that being the name of the ship in which his son and Mr. Pollard went home. Cannot send account of the Indian goods, Colonel Johnson having taken all the books and accounts to Montreal. Recommending the appointment of Mr. Wilkinson as secretary of the Indian Department. A storehouse is greatly wanted. The Seneca chief, Sayengaraghte, with about 250 warriors, have gone off to attack a village near Fort Pitt. A party has been ordered to join them. Brant is going unwillingly to Oswego. He wished to go to Sandusky, where he thought he could be of more use. The Indians are daily bringing in prisoners to their villages. 313
 June 1, Same to the same. Asks if a mistake in the dates of Captain McDonell's and Captain TenBroeck's commissions could not be rectified; McDonell is best qualified to take command during his (Butler's) absence, and has acted since the death of his (Butler's) son, being much liked by the Indians. Commission asked for by Doctor Guthrie. Reports the trouble he has had with Indian goods. 317
 Niagara.
- June 12, Same to the same. Is happy that His Excellency is pleased with the progress of the farmers. Seven or eight of the rangers got their families from the frontiers last fall; they wish to be discharged and settle. They would soon be useful to the post and their places supplied by recruits expected from the frontiers. The Indian party already mentioned has set off; movements of other scouts. Peter and James Secord, farmers, are about to build a saw and grist mill; they will buy the stones and ironwork in Canada, but ask that they may be sent up in the King's bateaux. 319
 Niagara.
- June 14, Return of Indian presents sent to Oswego. 322
 Niagara.
- June 21. Return of the Six Nation Indians and volunteers, present at Oswego and on service from that place. 323
- June 28, Butler to Mathews. That he will do everything in his power to save expense in the Indian Department. The distress he experienced last winter to supply the real wants of the Indians; he has never had much trouble with them for superfluities. There are still cottons, &c., wanted. A surgeon's mate is much wanted, as he believes the lives of some of the men would have been saved had a surgeon been available. Pawling has applied for a company. 324
 Niagara.
- June 29, Same to the same. To meet Brant's complaints at Oswego, that he and the Indians were not properly fitted out, he encloses a return of the presents given before embarking and sent to Oswego, with remarks. 326
 Niagara.