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September 7,<sup>y</sup> Quebec. Mathews to Butler. Acknowledging receipt of letters. Captain Butler cannot have leave of absence for reasons given. Recommending Mr. Smyth who has been appointed adjutant. Page 283 284
- September 13,  
Quebec. Same to the same. Introducing Mr. Smyth. 284
- September 21,  
Niagara. Butler to Mathews. Enclosing muster roll of the 10th company and list of articles wanted by the farmers. The corps being now a battalion of ten companies, he suggests that the tenth company should be the lieutenant colonel's, with a captain lieutenant, instead of a captain. Transmits memorial from Captain Butler, on the subject of a major for the corps. States that he has applied to Brigadier Powell for leave to Captain Butler to go to Canada. Joseph Brant in advance of Captains Thomson and McGee, had met and defeated a party of Clark's before Thompson and McGee could get up; killed 37, and took 64 prisoners. This should put a stop to Clark's views. 284
- September 24,  
Niagara. Same to Captain John Johnston. Expressing his regret at not being able to be of use to him; the sense he has of his (Johnston's) merits. 287
- October 2,  
Niagara. Same to Mathews. Sending pay-bill and stating the money he would require; enclosing list of medicines. Returns thanks for having an adjutant appointed. Has ordered stores, which he requests may be allowed to be sent up with the King's bateaux. 290
- October 4,  
Niagara. Same to the same. Sending a list of the families of rangers, for whom he asks leave to come to the post to settle. 292
- October 9,  
Niagara. Same to the same. The new adjutant has not yet arrived. Remarks on persons mentioned in letter from Mathews. McGee is the man who has most influence over the Shawanese. 293
- October 10,  
Montreal. Captain John Johnston to Haldimand. Stating his position; he is ready to go on scout or on an expedition. 294
- November 1,  
Quebec. Mathews to Butler. Stating that the families respecting which he wrote (p. 292) will be detained till spring, as it is too late now for them to draw any subsistence from farming. 295
- November 1,  
Quebec. Same to the same. The memorial from Captain Butler has been laid before His Excellency. Its prayer (that Captain Butler be appointed major) cannot be complied with, for reasons given in detail. The return of the corps, showing its completion to ten companies, should have been certified by Brigadier Powell. It would have been sent to the King, with a recommendation. However, he will send Powell's report by a ship about to sail. The decision as to the tenth company being the lieutenant-colonel's, has been sent through Brigadier Powell. 296
- November 2,  
Quebec. Same to the same. Stating that warrants have been drawn up for pay bills, &c, and that leave has been granted to have the stores shipped by the King's bateaux, as requested. The list of medicines has not been properly made out nor forwarded. 299
- December 7,  
Niagara. Butler to Mathews. Applying for goods for the Indians. The small quantity of seed corn issued last spring to the Indians is given as an excuse for their coming in to ask provisions. The chief part of the Onandagos have already come in, and he fears the rest will follow. Sending application from Dr. Carr, surgeon to Johnson's second battalion. The families mentioned have arrived, but add nothing to the consumption of the garrison. They had got a pass from some person at Machiche to Montreal, where they got one to Niagara from the commanding officer. Owing to the mild winter the farmers have been able to prepare the ground for sowing early. The farmers have sustained themselves since September, and have