

1779. rekindle their council fire. The Senecas, Delawares and others have been very active during the winter, and have had various successful skirmishes along the frontiers. There are now between 400 and 500 out in different places. Several parties from the Ohio have brought prisoners from Fort Pitt. The people through all that part of the country are moving down to Lancaster. About 200 Indians from Detroit have been successful at Tuscarawas and had gone down the river to attack a convoy of provisions; has not yet heard the result of this last expedition. A prisoner has given information about Fort Pitt. He has always endeavoured to restrain the Indians from cruelty and will observe the additional instructions on this point. Remarks on the bounty to rangers, to which he (Haldimand) objects, as not being agreeable to Carleton's instructions. Sends copy of an account for this allowance, which was passed by Carleton without objection. Bolton has ordered 50 rangers to be ready to set off for Detroit under Caldwell. Page 116
- April 8, Quebec. Haldimand to Butler. Acknowledging receipt of reports of the intrigues among the Indians, and their success in reducing the Onondagos, chiefly through the influence of the Oneidas. Sends answer to a message from the Five Nations. The fidelity of Joseph Brant; he goes to Niagara with Brehm; he (Butler) is to conform to the orders which will be presented by Brehm. Respecting the Indians and economy in provisions; the importance of getting the Indians to cultivate their land. His pleasure in seeing Capt. Butler; the steps to be taken to obtain the exchange of Mrs. Butler and the family. 120
- April 11, Niagara. Butler to Haldimand. Reporting that Bolton had drawn for Indian expenses; the arrival of messengers, &c. 122
- April 18, Quebec. Haldimand to Butler. The anxiety the defeat of Hamilton causes him; has reason to be satisfied with the fidelity of the Five Nations. The confidence he has in his (Butler's) exertions to maintain all the Indians in the humour of acting for the service of the Crown. The impossibility of getting provisions to Oswego is the reason for its not being occupied; every exertion will be made to have this done. 123
- April 18, Quebec. The same to the same. Has granted a temporary warrant for the subsistence of the corps. When the accounts are finally settled, every allowance will be made so far as consistent with Carleton's orders. 125
- April (?). The warrant follows at 126, and a pay roll of the officers, &c., of the Indian Department at 128.
- April (?). Walter Butler to Brigadier Clinton, Continental Forces. Respecting the exchange of prisoners. The letter is not dated. 427
- May 20, Niagara. The same to Haldimand. Major Butler, with the corps, is on the frontiers; the Five Nations were afraid of an invasion of their country from Fort Stanwix and the Susquehanna. He is now at Canadasaga, among the Senecas, watching the enemy's motions. Bolton has desired him (Walter Butler) to set off for Detroit, with a party of rangers and as many Indians as he could collect, to try to rouse the western Indians to take an active part; could this be effected, there would not be a rebel in arms in the Indian country in the course of a few months. The service Brant could render were he to be allowed to go. Calls attention to advances he has made to Captain Tice, whose pay has not been drawn for; asks that the amount be stopped out of Capt. Tice's pay. 129
- May 18, Niagara. Same to Captain LeMaistre. Substantially the same as the letter of the 20th May. 132