

1780. hardship he was not allowed to go to London. Asks that two prisoners be allowed to work in Montreal at a place whence they could not escape. Page 229
- December 4, Butler to Mathews. Has been ill since the expedition; will have the subsistence accounts prepared. Has made temporary appointments to the seventh and eighth companies. Trusts that His Excellency will appoint his son Thomas to a first lieutenancy. Regrets to hear of his (Mathews') continued illness. 231
- December 7, The same to the same. Asks for permission to raise two additional companies to comply with the King's general order respecting provincial corps. Lieut. Ferris, returned from the frontiers, reports the friends to Government are in high spirits. Had the rangers remained a day longer at Schoharie, Ferris would have joined with a large number, who became discouraged when they found the force gone. Articles wanted for the settlers at Niagara. 233
- December 17. The same to the same. That he has appointed Bernard Fry and Andrew Bradt to be captains and Joseph Farris and Thomas Butler to be first lieutenants in the vacant companies of rangers. McDonell's commission was dated when he was still at school, but Thomas had joined the corps before him. Captain Butler has arrived and will attend to the accounts. The winter wheat came too late and has been transferred to the commissary to be used for provisions. Four or five farmers have settled and built houses; they will want seed early in spring. The harness is not of the kind wanted; if dressed leather were sent some of the rangers could make it. Turney and Wimble, with twenty rangers, have returned from a scout in Pennsylvania; they had taken a fortified post and seven men. The crops last season were very fine in that part of the country. 250
- December 24, Accounts of the rangers for subsistence drawn for those who have been prisoners, &c. 235 to 249
- Niagara. 1781.
- February 18, Butler to Powell. Points out the hardship to his officers of having others put over them, the present case being that of McKinnon made captain of the 8th company; represents particularly the case of Lieut. Bradt, reduced by this new appointment. Asks leave to raise two additional companies. In respect to bounty money, all who were promised bounty were paid. 255
- Niagara.
- April 12, Mathews to Butler. His Excellency has sanctioned the appointment of Thomas Butler to a first lieutenancy. The two additional companies of rangers may be raised, if that can be done with facility and expedition. Seed and other articles asked for (detailed) are to be forwarded by the first bateaux. 259
- Quebec.
- April 18, Butler to Mathews. Reporting the want of supplies for the Indians and the necessity of goods being sent immediately to satisfy them. 261
- Niagara.
- April 23, Abstract of pay bills, &c., for the rangers. 254
- Niagara.
- May 20, Butler to Mathews. Returns thanks for the confirmation of his son's appointment and for the leave granted to raise two additional companies. Hopes that they will soon be completed for reasons given. Reports the movements of the scouts; the articles wanted for the loyalists have been received; list of tools still required by the farmers. 262
- Niagara.
- May 30, Walter Butler to the same. Has arrived in eight days from Montreal, with a return of his ague from falling into the water. Is afraid that the rangers will be idle in this quarter, as Clark is not in earnest. Should Allen and his Green Mountain lads return to their duty he would like were a few companies of the rangers sent to join them, if it would be for the good of the service. He has got