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asks to have commissions filled up for Mr. Harkimer and Ralph Clinch. P. S. of 14th May. But for the detention of Capt. McDonell, at Carleton Island, he could have sent a party to favour Sir John Johnson's enterprise. The parties on the Mohawk will be of service to him. A good party of 45 had left the day before for Fort Stanwix or the German Flats; they were informed of Sir John Johnson's movements.

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May 3,
Niagara.

Butler to Haldimand. Sending a formal application for leave of absence to meet his family.

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May 26,
Quebec.

Abstract of pay bills, &c., for the rangers.

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June 15,
Quebec.

Mathews to Walter Butler. His Excellency is surprised that a captain and thirty men of the rangers should be absent from their corps at this season. He, Captain Thompson, and the men are to be in readiness to leave for Niagara immediately on the arrival of the next post from Quebec. The loyalists who removed from Machiche did so at their own risk. These families shared at Machiche all the conveniences others received.

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July 13,
Quebec.

The same to Butler. With despatches for Carleton Island and Niagara. Discusses questions of appointments and promotions in his corps.

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July 20,
Montreal.

Butler to Mathews. Urging that a warrant be sent to cover all the temporary warrants in case of any accident to him. He remonstrates against his son Thomas not being appointed to the seventh company of rangers. He expresses his thanks for the attention to the settlement of the money paid to the Germans; and for the promise of the forge and iron for the founders.

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July 24,
Niagara.

Walter Butler to Mathews. Has received recruits enough to complete the seventh company and a sergeant, corporal and 13 men for the eighth; hopes to complete the corps this summer, they are badly off for barracks; they are trying to repair the huts to suit. Asks for blank commissions for the seventh and eighth companies. Sergeant Brass reports an action in the Jerseys in which Washington lost his artillery, &c., at Morristown; the royal army was on its way up the North River. He (Butler) has offered to send out parties of the rangers, but supposes they are wanted for some other purpose. McDonell has had a warm time while out; the Indians have not done what they promised. McDonell had to be tied on his horse owing to ague, and he had to get three horses and some dogs killed for food.

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August 15,
Niagara.

Butler to the same, giving an account of the services of his son Thomas, as a reason for his being appointed to the seventh company.

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August 15,
Niagara.

The same to the same. Reporting his arrival on the 9th. Lieutenant Ball had arrived with 40 recruits for the rangers. Clinton coming up the North River; the royal army had driven off most of the cattle in the Jerseys, and expresses have been sent off to Haldimand, &c. The number of recruits is enough to complete the eight companies and to fill up casualties. Further respecting his son's appointment to the seventh company.

September 29,
Quebec.

Mathews to Butler. Containing remarks on his subsistence accounts.

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October 1,
Niagara.

Statement of Captain Peter Ten Broeck's account current.

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November 14,
Montreal.

Walter Butler to Mathews. Will leave for Coteau du Lac on the arrival of the post, and make every exertion to get to Niagara this fall. Respecting the appointments in the rangers. Thinks it a