

You will do your best to harass the Rebels wherever you may encounter them, and in all matters you will conduct yourself with your customary prudence and Humanity.⁷³

[DE PEYSTER]

AT MICHLIMAQUENAC, July 4, 1776.

[Letter from Walter Butler to Charles Langlade. Original MS. in Wisconsin Historical Library.]

FORT ERIE, 16th Novr, 1776.

SIR—In Compliance with an order from Cap^t. Potts⁷⁴ have sent you, a Corporal and Party, with a Batteau, to expedite you in your Intended Journey. I have the Honor to be

Sir, Your very Hum: Serv^t.

WALTER BUTLER⁷⁵

C. Kings Reg^t.

Mr. Langland On H. M. Service To Mr. Langland Little Niagara.

⁷³Langlade probably joined Carleton at Isle aux Noix, and although ill during the summer (*Wis. Hist. Colls.*, viii, p. 406), performed his duties with satisfaction to the commander-in-chief; see Carleton's testimonial in *Id.*, xii, pp. 39-41. Carleton's letters at this date (Oct. 6, 1776) were written just before the naval battle of Valcour Island, on Lake Champlain. The lateness of the season made it necessary that Langlade should return to Mackinac before that engagement. He went via Niagara and the lakes, as per next document.—Ed.

⁷⁴Capt. William Potts enlisted in the Royal Americans as ensign in 1756, and passed through the various grades until the reduction of that regiment, when he was transferred (1765) to the 8th as lieutenant. The remainder of his military career was passed in this regiment, of which in 1783 he became major. In 1785 the regiment was transferred to England, and the following year Major Potts died or retired. He was stationed on the frontier during nearly all of his military career. In 1758 he was at Ticonderoga, and in 1762 at Niagara. Two years later we find him at Fort Pitt, and again in 1774 at Niagara, where he remained until after 1779. In that year he was characterized as an "old and deserving officer."—Ed.

⁷⁵Walter Butler was a well known Loyalist of Tryon County, N. Y., son of Col. John Butler, of Wyoming valley fame. Before the Revolu-