

Subseries III: Butler Correspondence, 1759-1846

Subseries III: Butler Correspondence, 1770-1820 is arranged chronologically and contains letters and various other types of written media all related to the life of soldier and politician Zebulon Butler. This subseries is further arranged into four distinct subsubseries: Subseries I: Zebulon Butler correspondence, 1759-1789, Subseries II: Butler family correspondence, 1779-1815, Subseries III: John Butler and Family correspondence, 1781, 1854, and Subseries IV: Lord Butler correspondence, 1793-1813. These subseries contain manuscripts and correspondence for other members of the Butler family including Chester Butler, Lord Butler, and John Butler who has no relations to Zebulon Butler.

Zebulon Butler was born on the 23rd of January 1731, and was the oldest son of John Butler and Hannah Perkins. Not much seems to be known about his youth outside of how he moved from his hometown of Ipswich, Massachusetts to Lyme, Connecticut when he was around 5 years old. This, alongside what would become Northeast Pennsylvania, would be the areas that became closely associated with his name. Butler is well known for his service in the military during the Revolutionary War, with a very large portion of the items contained within the collection being centered around his time commanding the Wyoming Garrison, which was situated in the area around modern day Forty Fort. Butler is most famous for his part in the Battle of Wyoming, suitably nicknamed the Wyoming Massacre, as while under his command more than 300 men were killed, resulting in a surrender and major loss. We are fortunate to have a letter written by Butler to the Board of War, a committee which oversaw the Continental Army's administration during the Revolutionary War, which recounts the events that occurred during the battle written only a week after it occurred; Item 5: Letter from Zebulon Butler to "The Board of War," 1778 July 10. Butler was promoted to a colonel in the Continental Army almost a year later, and continued his military career over the course of the Revolutionary War before settling in Wilkes-Barre until his death on July 28, 1795.

Butler played a relatively large role in the infamous Susquehanna Controversy due to his relationship with the Susquehanna Company. There are more items related to Butler which have been separated from this subseries and were put into a separate one due to their relationship to the Susquehanna Controversy; that subseries is titled Subseries II: Susquehanna Controversy, 1770-1801. The Susquehanna Controversy is a term used to describe the conflicts that occurred between the settlers of Connecticut and Pennsylvania from around 1770 until the end of the century, and includes the wars commonly known as the Yankee-Pennamite or the Pennamite-Yankee Wars. The conflict was centered around the land along the North branch of the Susquehanna River during the mid-to-late 18th century. The dispute originally started in 1754 when Connecticut's Susquehanna Company acquired a substantial amount of land in the region granted by King Charles II that was also promised to Pennsylvania settlers by Governor William Penn. This led to the validity of the company's purchase coming into question. Connecticut claimed to own an entire third of Pennsylvania. Zebulon Butler became the director of the Susquehanna Company at some date close to 1775, although the exact start and end date seems to be unknown.

Subseries III of the Zebulon Butler collection covers various different subjects regarding the life of Zebulon Butler, however a large focus of this is centered around his time serving in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. Through examining this subseries, we are able to roughly trace the path that he and his soldiers took during the Revolutionary War from around the middle of 1778 until the war's

end. The correspondence from this period of time provides crucial insight into some of the battles and struggles that this group of soldiers experienced, whether in relation to the troubles that came with acquiring provisions, or through struggles with the local Native Americans. The items within our collection that come after this period are in relation to Butler's role in the Susquehanna Controversy, his relationship to the Susquehanna Company, some legal issues, politics, and some items that surround land ownership.

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Condition Note:

The condition of the items within the collection varies, however due to the age of the documents within the collection, there should be a high level of care taken while handling. The vast majority of the items within this subseries are extremely fragile, as they are quite literally falling apart as tears widen at folds within the paper, which are present in almost every item to some extent. Every item exhibits signs of age, including browning of the paper, tattered edges, and general fragileness, however other items exhibit further or amplified signs of age and or damage including fading ink, stains, and various tears. There are items which have separated into multiple pieces over time, and in many cases the rest of the item is vulnerable to further separation. The items which should be handled with utmost care are:

- Item 3: Letter from Zebulon Butler to General Dyer, 1777 June 23.
- Item 5: Letter from Zebulon Butler to "The Board of War," 1778 July 10.
- Item 8: Letter from Susannah Green to General Sullivan, 1779 July 9.
- Item 13: Letter from Zebulon Butler to "the War Board," 1780 July 11.
- Item 20: Letter from Zebulon Butler to Colonel Antes, 1780 November 25.
- Item 23: Letter from Unknown, possibly Zebulon Butler, to "Board of War," 1781 January 22.
- Item 24a: Letter from Zebulon Butler to Major Lawrence, 1781 February 24.
- Item 24b: Letter from Zebulon Butler to Captains Schott and Salon, 1781 February 24.
- Item 25: Letter from Durkee to Zebulon Butler, 1781 March 25.
- Item 27: Letter from John Brittenden to Zebulon Butler, 1781 April 27.
- Item 28: Letter from Noah Allen to Zebulon Butler, 1783 February 4.
- Item 30: Letter from Zebulon Butler to Colonels Dyer and Root, 1783 October 4.

Subseries I: Zebulon Butler Correspondence, 1759 - 1789

Subseries I: Zebulon Butler Correspondence, 1759 - 1789 is arranged chronologically and contains correspondence related to the life of Zebulon Butler. Not every item within this subseries is correspondence however, as it also includes a payroll, as well as a check and a military appointment.

Throughout this subseries we are able to see interactions between Butler as well as various other prominent figures of the time. A large portion of these individuals are military figures who played a role in the Revolutionary War or politicians from the Pennsylvania or Connecticut area. Some examples of the individuals that can be found within this subseries include: [Col. Eleazar Fitch](#), [Samuel Parsons](#), [Major](#)

[Backus](#), [Eliphalet Dyer](#), [Joseph Varnum](#), [Colonel Nathan Denison](#), [Captain Spaulding](#), [John Durkee](#), [General Hand](#), [Major General Sullivan](#), [Benjamin Harvey](#), [Captain Schott](#), [George Washington](#), [William McClay](#), [Colonel Blain](#), [Capt Selin](#), and [Colonel Antes](#).

Some examples of the scenes and events depicted or referenced within this subseries include the Battle of Wyoming, the Susquehanna Controversy, attacks on the Wyoming Garrison by Native Americans, as well as the arrest of Zebulon Butler after returning to Wilkes Barre in 1863.

10.1 Item 1: Oversized Item: Photostat of Payroll to Zebulon Butler's Company, 1759 (removed to Map Drawer #1)

Type of Material: Photostat of payroll

Title: "A Payroll of Captain Zebulon Butler's Company of the fourth Continental Regiment commanded by Eleazer Fitch Esq. Railey in the year 1759"

Description: A photocopy of the payroll to Zebulon Butler's company in 1759. Lists officers and enlistments. The original document within our collection was sent to the Connecticut Historical Society in 1958; we now only hold a photostat.

Dates: 1759

Creator: N/A

Subjects: Continental Army; 18th century military, Payroll

Locations: N/A

People: [Zebulon Butler](#); [Col. Eleazar Fitch](#)

General Condition: Good

Measurements: 18in x 16in.

Transcript Attempt:

A pay roll of Capt Zebulon Butler's Company of the fourth Conel. Reg'l. Commander
by Colo. Enoch Fish Esq' raised in the year 1759

Mens Names	Time of Entering the Service	Dead and Deceased	When Discharged	Weeks and Day in Service	Sum Due	Mens Names	Time of Entering the Service	Dead and Deceased	Weeks and Days	When Discharged	Sum Due
Capt Zebulon Butler	March 22	Dead	Dec 14	38 : 2 76 : 11 : 5		Zebulon Henrk					
Lt Robert Miller	22		Oct 20	30 : 3 30 : 0 : 0		Jacob Hooy	Not Joynd				
Lt Charles Rysly	22		Dec 8	37 : 3 46 : 15 : 9		Nathan Lord	March 28		35 : 2	Nov 29 15 : 17 : 7	
Lt Elias Avory				7 : 6 11 : 14 : 4 : 2		George Lewes	25		35 : 6	Dec 14 17 : 0 : 9	
Era. Daniel Grenel	March 22		Dec 14	38 : 2 38 : 5 : 8 : 2		Debu Loveland	April 6		36 : 1	14 16 : 5 : 3 : 2	
Sargt John Harris	28		14	37 : 3 18 : 14 : 3		Saml Ladd	Not Joynd				
Sargt Moses Herly	25		14	37 : 6 18 : 18 : 6 : 3		John Lord	Dile				
Sargt John Warren	April 14		14	33 17 : 10 : 0		Vollingne Miller	March 28		35 : 3	Nov 30 15 : 18 : 10 : 2	
Sargt Sam Grenell	5 Dead		Nov 10	31 : 3 15 : 14 : 3		Joseph Munsell	April 14		35 : 0	Dec 14 15 : 15 : 0	
Sargt Alynaz Reee	March 25		Dec 14	36 : 3 18 : 4 : 3		Josiah Mack	1		36 : 5	14 16 : 11 : 9	
Copt Silas Ttary	25		14	37 : 6 17 : 19 : 7 : 2		John Miller	10		33 : 4	Nov 30 15 : 2 : 2	
Copt Nathan Miller	April 5		14	36 : 2 17 : 4 : 8 : 2		Joseph Miller	March 28	Dead	31	Dec 20 13 : 19	
Copt Jd Randal	6		14	31 17 : 2 : [illegible]		Garnet Pheps	April 9		35 : 5	Dec 14 16 : 1 : 5 : 2	
Copt Wilrm Pheps	March 25		14	37 : 6 17 : 19 : 7 : 2		John Pevay	4		36 : 3	14 16 : 7 : 10 : 2	
Durrv Tho Miller	25		14	37 : 6 17 : 19 : 7 : 2		Nehemiah Pratt	16		32 : 1	Nov 28 14 : 9 : 3 : 2	
Durrv Robert Pellys	April 13	Dead	June 13	8 : 6 4 : 4 : 1 : 2		George Proger	Not Joynd				
John Asper	5		14	36 : 2 16 : 6 : 4		William Rahnone	March 28		37 : 5	Dec 14 16 : 19 : 5 : 2	
Jonathan Berkmth	March 28		14	37 : 3 16 : 10 : 2		Enock Reed	25		37 : 6	14 17 : 0 : 9	
George Berkmth	25		Dec 8	37 16 : 13 :		Jeremiah Reed	April 14		35 :	14 15 : 15 : 0	
Simen Burnus	April 11		14	35 : 3 15 : 10 : 10 : 2		Isaac Ranson	March 28		36 : 4	6 16 : 9 : 2	
Thos Barkin	5		Oct 22	28 : 5 12 : 10 : 5 : 2		Nathaniel Rall	March 28		36 : 2	14 16 : 6 : 7	
Joseph Benet	10	Dead	Sep 27	24 : 3 10 : 19 : 10 : 2		Theodius Rilly	April 5	Not Joynd			
Isaac Clark	March 29		Nov 1	31 : 1 14 : 0 : 3 : 2		Stephen Richardson	Dile				
Rupes Callins	April 10		Dec 26	33 : 6 14 : 17 : 0 : 0		Thos Rost Jr.	April 10		35 : 4	Dec 14 16 : 0 : 2	
Silas Champin	March 29		Dec 1	31 : 1 14 : 0 : 3 : 2		John Sorer	Dile				
Amos Carter	29	Not Joynd				Jacob Sulfard	10		35 : 4	14 16 : 0 : 2	
Shubel Cock	De.					Simen Sanders	March 28		37 : 3	14 16 : 16 : 10 : 2	
Atthion Chahman	De.					Daneus Still	28		37 : 3	14 16 : 16 : 10 : 0	
Lewi Dooe	De.					Jos. Sira	April 10	Dead	15 : 5	28 7 : 1 : 6 : 2	
Josiah Dooke	De.					Stephen Sterling	March 29		34 : 5	Nov 28 15 : 12 : 5 : 2	
Nathaniel Emrnson	March 24		Nov 25	34 : 6 15 : 13 : 9		Ezekiel Still	April 14	Dead	24 : 6	Oct 4 11 : 3 : 9	
Saml Fox	April 8	Dead	Sep 26	24 : 4 11 : 1 : 2		John Standy	Not Joynd				
Israel Fowler	Not Joynd					Ozias Strong	Dile				
Jette Grahm	April 6		Nov 30	34 : 1 15 : 7 : 3 : 2		John Shirley	Dile				
Marko Greves	March 29	Deceased		4 :		Wilrm Taylor	Dile				
Nathr Havens	April 15		14	34 : 6 15 : 13 : 9		Amer Tubbs	March 28		34 : 6	Nov 28 15 : 13 : 9	
Wilrm Hurly	March 28	Dead	June 25	13 : 1 5 : 10 : 3 : 2		Saml Tubbs	27		35 : 3	29 15 : 10 : 10 : 2	
Wilrm Harrison	25		14	37 : 6 17 : 0 : 9		John Tanel	April 12		32 : 4	25 14 : 13 : 2	
Benj Huford	29	Deceased		4 11 : 16 : 0		Redben Talsen	March 29		37 : 2	Dec 14 16 : 15 : 7	
Edward Hackel	26		Nov 24	34 : 6 15 : 13 : 9		Wilrm Talsen	April 4		36 : 3	14 16 : 7 : 20 : 2	
Jesse Hurly	27		14	37 : 4 16 : 10 : 2		Tho's Talsen	14		32 : 4	Nov 27 14 : 13 : 2	
John Hurly	April 10		Nov 25	32 : 6 14 : 15 : 9		Saml Workel	12		35 : 0	Dec 14 15 : 15 : 0	
Stoaron Hurly	14	Dead	Oct 2	24 : 4 11 : 1 : 2		John Welsh	16		33 : 2	Nov 30 14 : 19 : 7	
Benj Hoskden	Not Joynd					Daniel Workel	16		36 : 5	Dec 14 15 : 12 : 5 : 2	
Amarah Williams	Dile					Benj Workel	3 : 3		3 : 3	June 13 3 : 15 : 10 : 2	
Ethus Harrison	March 25		Dec 14	37 : 6 17 : 0 : 9		Edward Havens	6		36 : 1	Dec 14 16 : 5 : 3 : 2	
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Muster Roll
Conn 1759
Original sent to
Conn. Hist. Society
July '58

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10.2 Item 2: Letter from [Samuel Parsons](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1775 May 23.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Samuel Parsons seemingly concerns political office in Susquehanna territory.

Dates: May 23 1775

Creator: [Samuel Parsons](#)

Subjects: A letter about political office.

Locations: Hartford, Connecticut

People: [Samuel Parsons](#); [Zebulon Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay. Browning of paper, several stains, folds, tears, and tattered edges all present.

Measurements: 13 in. x 8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

May 23 1775

Dear sir

I have not given over Susquehanna if you have a county pray let your Courts be in August when I can attend if I have any appointment in there shall be glad to act.

I am y'r Friend

S Parfons

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To
Zebulon Butler Esqr
Now at
Hartford

{In different handwriting} Sam Parfons
Z Butler

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10.3 Item 3a: Letter from [Samuel H Parson](#) to “Unknown,” 1777 April 6.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: A letter about the raising of regiments.

Dates: 6 April 1777

Creator: [Samuel H. Parson](#)

Subjects: Military letter

Locations: Morristown

People: [Col Butler](#), [Samuel H. Parsons](#)

General Condition: Okay. Some minor stains and browning present, however a section of the letter is separated from the rest, making certain words illegible, as it has torn at a fold in the paper.

Measurements: 12 ¼ in. x 7 ⅝ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Lyme(?) 6 April 1777

Sir

you are to repair immediately to Danbury & there take the Command of the Detachments from the Regiments rais^d in this State & proceed with them as fast as can consist with the Health & Strength of the Soldiers, to Headquarters as Morris Town or elsewhere and there apply to the Commander in Chief for Orders unless you receive Orders from my superior officers sooner which in that care you will obey; I need not inform you of the absolute Necessity of Expediting your March let not a [Illegible due to damage] be [Illegible due to damage] lest by your Delay Destruction be brought on our Country

I wish you and the Troops under your Command may arrive in Season to afford the aid to our General, so much needed at this Time & prove as Honor to yourselves & your Country

Yr humble servt

Samuel H Parson B. Genl

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10.4 Item 3b: Receipt by W. Harman, 1786 May 18.

Type of Material: Receipt

Title: N/A

Description: A receipt noting the amount of rations that had been delivered to Philadelphia Which has been signed by a W. Harman.

Dates: May 18th 1786

Creator: W. Harman

Subjects: Rations Receipt

Locations: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

People: W. Harman

General Condition: Good. Some minor stains and browning of paper present.

Measurements: 7 ⅝ in. x 3 ⅝ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Received for 40 Rations

delivered _____-4

36 Rations d(?) 9^d £1..7..0

Rec'd the Contents

Philad

May 18th 1786

W. Harman

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10.5 Item 4: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [General Dyer](#), 1777 June 23.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: In this letter, Zebulon Butler apologizes for missing a meeting with General Dyer due to a situation regarding money owed to him by Congress. After explaining his situation, Butler moves into details about military provisions.

Dates: 23 June 1777

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Political affair

Locations: Morristown

People: Mr. Webster (Possibly [Noah Webster](#)), Mr. Sharman (Possibly [Roger Sherman](#)), [Major Backus](#), Gen Dyer (possibly [Eliphalet Dyer](#))

General Condition: Poor. Large stains, tears at folds, browning of paper, and general damage present. Some tears make areas of the letter difficult to read.

Measurements: 13 in. x 8 1/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Camp at Morristown 23 June, 1777

Honoured sir,

I'm sorry I had not the opportunity of waiting on you as you went through Morristown and I've an account to current in which there is some money due to me from Congress which I very much want I suppose it would have been settled last winter had not the Congress moved to Baltimore and since they have been Returned I have been in camp and have had no opportunity of settling it Mr. Webster did undertake to get the act settled [sic] and let me know when the money was Ready I have wrote him twice since I was in Camp and have had no answer I've lately heard to it from home and met with A Miffatima I've lately wrote to Mr Sherman and have had no news from him should be much obliged to you if you will let me know What is Done about it or Wheather [sic] it is Nessesary [sic] for me to come to Congress to settel [sic] it the Aut is made up Right the Commission I have charged I submitt [sic] to Congress shall be content with what they do. I believe they will find after allowing that that the two Companys from Westmoreland have ben supplyd [sic] the cheepest [sic] of Any Troops on the Centinon and I not made more than good as I purchased some cattel [sic] and a Quantity of flower to Nirtual them 3 or so months by directions I took of Mr. Sharman at N Haven and they was ordered away suddenly and I was obliged to Dispose of the Provisions At a considerabel [sic] loss and I advanced what money I had of my own to help them away Expecting to have my act settled soon. the money belongs part to me and part to the souldiers and part to Inhabitants for Provisions if your Honnour will be so mind as to let me know by Maj Backus what is done or what I must do to settel [sic] it or if it is setteled [sic] to let Major Backus Receive the money for me.

youll greatly oblige him that has the Honnour to be your Honnour Most Obt Humble

Servt Zeb Butler

Gen Dyer

Letter to Congress
Independent Congress

N B I have sent to Congress twice the Bill of the First time I have not it with me it was only part the Expenses of a Mans journey it was the Inclosed bills
£ 5.00
16.4.6
£ 21.4.6
Supply so many.

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10.6 Item 5: Letter from [J Varnum](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1778 June 10.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter references an attack on Butler's settlement by Native Americans as well as informs him about reinforcements that were sent to his position for the purpose of defense.

Dates: 10 June 1778

Creator: [J Varnum](#)

Subjects: Military Letter

Locations: Valley Forge

People: [Zebulon Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay. The paper contains tattered edges, general browning, staining, folds in the paper, as well as inobtrusive tears.

Measurements: 13 3/8 in. x 8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Camp at Valley Forge 10th June 1778

Sir

It gives me great Pain to find that the Indians and others are so troublesome to your settlement. I have applied to his Excellency frequently upon the subject. He informs me that Congress have taken the matter into their own hands, and have ordered Troops for the Purpose of Defense; and as he is not fully acquainted with the matter in which they intend carrying on the War in that Quarter, it is out of his Power to intermeddle. — There are now a Number of gentlemen from Congress in camp to whom I have communicat'd the contents of your Letter. They inform me that a state of your settlement has been laid before them, & that satisfactory Relief was ordered; However, they will have it under further consideration.

I am sir, your very obd. Servant

J Warnum

Col Butler

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Col Zebulon Butler

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The River	WWW
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10.7 Item 6: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to “The Board of War,” 1778 July 10.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter which was written by Butler reports to the Board of War, a committee which oversaw the Continental Army’s administration during the Revolutionary War, the current situation surrounding the local Native Americans, as well as a battle which occurred, which based off the date is most likely the Battle of Wyoming, also known as the Wyoming Massacre, as more than 300 of Butler’s troops were killed in a major loss.

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: A military report of interactions with Native Americans.

Locations: Thenoddenhed(?) Penn Township

People: Capt. Hewett, [Durkee](#), Ronjon, [Colonel Nathan Denison](#), [Captain Spaulding](#)

General Condition: Poor. The item is separated into several pieces due to tears at folds in the paper. The paper itself is browning, has tattered edges, minor stains and folds, as well as a section of the paper that has been cut out and is not in our possession.

Measurements: 12 ½ in. x 7 ⅞ in.; 15 ¾ in. x 12 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Thenoddenhed Penn Township 10th July 1778

Honour Sir

on my arvil at Westmoreland (which was only four Days after I Left your Town) I found there was A Large Boddy of Enemy advancing on this settlement 1/7 Day July we maftered the Militia and march’d Toward, then by the River above the settlement form’d and killed Two Indians when they had murdered nine men the Day before that was found some cannoe [Illegible] but found we were above their Boddy it was Judged prudent to return and as Every man had to go to his own At our fort his Provision we Could not Muster again till - 3^d July in which time the Enemy had got possession of two Forts one of Which we have Reason to believe was Delivered for them tho they Burnt them Both. the Inhabitants had two Forts for which extended about two miles on the River the security of women and children and too many men would stay in them to take care of them but after collecting about three hundred of the most spirited militia including Capt Hewetts Company I held A Counsel with the officers Who were all agreed it was Best to attack them before they got any further we Accordingly march’d found their situation form’d A Front of the same Extension of the Enemies and attacked night to day the same time and our man hood lies well for thru & four shots till some Part of the Enemy gave Way but unfortunately for us through some Mistake the word Retreet [sic] was understood from some officer on the Left which took so quick that it was not in the Power of Officers to claim them I nought believe if we had stood there minutes

longer the enemy would win again the utmost pain was taken by the officers who mostly fill five L Col & Maj and Capts who were in commonly in all in militia all full Capt Hewett, Col Durkee & Manjom like with were killed in the whole about two hundred men lost their lives in that author on our side what number of the enemy is yet uncertain though I believe my men intimidated the Inhabitants, that gave up the Matter of fighting great numbers Ran off and others Would comply with Terms that I had Refused the enemy sent flags frequently the form you'd se in the In los'd letter the Repeatedly [sic] said they had nothing to do with any but the Inhabitants and Did not want to treat with me Col. Denison by Desire of the Inhabitants want and completed which made it negletory for me and the [Illegible due to damage] of Cap Hewett's company [Illegible due to damage] the place I ordered it was Determined by the Enemy to spare the Inhabitants after their agreement and that my say with the few Continental soldiers should be Delivered to the savages upon which I kept Place and came to this Place scarcely abel to move on as I had no Rest since I left York Town but am well at Project but it has not been in my power to find horse or man to Wait on the Board till now. Must submit to the Board what must be the Rest ---- the litel [sic] Remain of Hewetts Company which are about 15 are gone to Shamokin & Capt Spaulding's Company I have heard one on Delwair [sic] several Hundred of inhabitants strobing out in the Country Destitute of Provision at Westmoreland Who have large field of grain and other necessarie of support In short if the inhabitants can go back there may yet be saved Double the Quantity of Provision to support the other way, they must be beggars and and it Burthen to the world

I have heard by men that come from the place since the People give up the Indian have killed no Person since but have burnt the most of the building and are collecting all the horses they can and are moving up the river they likewise say that there were eight hundred one halfwhite man should be glad if possible that their might be A sufficient guard sent for the Defense of that Place which will be A Mean or saving Showland, from Poverty but must submit it to the Wisdom of Congress I desire further order from the Bord How Bord [sic] of War with Respect to myself and the Souldiers Under my Directions.

I have the Honnour to be your Honnor most

Obedient humble servant

Zebulon Butler

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10.8 Item 7: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to “the War Board,” 1778 July 10.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter describes the movements of troops in the Luzerne County area. It also discusses battles and dealings with native groups. This is a handwritten copy.

Dates: 10 July 1778

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Military Movements

Locations: Gnadenhutzen Penn Township

People: Capt Hewitt, [Col Durkee](#), [Captain Ransom](#), [Colonel Denison](#)

General Condition: Good. The paper is separated into two pieces due to a tear at a fold, however other than that the item's condition is overall good. The paper shows some signs of age, as well as contains some ink bleedthrough.

Measurements: 9 7/8 in. x 8 in. (closed); 16 in. x 9 7/8 in. (open)

Transcript Attempt:

Gnauden hutler Penn Township 10 July 1778

Honoured Sir

On my arrival at Westmoreland (which was only four days after I left York-Town) I find there was a large body of the enemy advancing on that settlement. On the 1st of July we mustered the militia & marched towards them by the river above settlement, -found & killed two Indians, at a place where they day before they had murdered nine men engaged in hoeing corn. We found some conoes [sic] & ch- but finding we were above their main body it was judged prudent to return. As every man had to go to his own house for provisions we could not muster again until the 3rd of July. In the meantime enemy had got possession of two forts one of which we had reason to believe was designed for them tho' they burnt them both. The Inhabitants had seven Forts, extending about Few miles on the river, for the security of their women & children and too many men would stay in them to care for them;- but after collecting about three Hundred of the most spirited militia including Capt Hewitt company I held a council with the Officers who were all agree it was best to attack the enemy before they got any further. We accordingly marched found their situation -formed a front of the same extension of the enemy's and attacked from right to left at the same time. Our men stood the fire well for three or four shots till some part of the enemy gave way, but unfortunately for us through some mistake the word retreat was understood from some officers on the left which take so quick that it was not in the power of the Officers to form them again, though I believe if they have stood three minutes longer the enemy would have been beaten. The utmost pains to really were taken by the officers who mostly fell a Lieut Colonel & Major, & full(?) Captains who were in Commission in the militia all fell. Col Durkee & Captains Hewitt & Ransom were likewise killed. In whole about Two Hundred men lost their lives in the action on our side what number of the enemy were killed is yet uncertain though I believe a very considerable number The loss of men so intimidated the Inhabitants that they gave up with terms that I had refused. The enemy sent flags frequently-the terms you will see in the enclosed letter. They repeatedly said they have nothing to do with any but the Inhabitants & did not want to treat with me. Colonel Denison by desire of the inhabitants went & complied which made it necessary for me & the little remains of Capt Hewitt's company to spare its inhabitants after their agreement & that myself with the few Continental soldiers should be delivered up to the savages upon which I left the place & came here scarcely able to move as to find horse or man to wait on the Board till now. I must submit to the Board what must be the next step. The little Remains of Hewitts company (which are about 15) are gone to Shemoken, & Capt Spauldings Company I have heard are on the Delaware. Several hundred of the Inhabitants are strolling out in the Country destitute of provisions, who have large fields of grain & other necessaries of life at Westmoreland. It short if the Inhabitants can go back there may yet be saved double the quantity of provisions to support themselves otherwise they must be beggars & a burthen to the world.

I have heard men that came from the place since the people gave up, that the Indians have killed sum (sic) person since but have burnt the most of the buildings, and are collecting all the horses they can and are moving up the river. They likewise say the enemy were eight Hundred- one half white men. I should be glad that, if possible there might be a sufficient guard sent for the defences of that place which will be a means of saving thousands from poverty- but must submit to the wisdom of Congress. I desire further orders from Hon^{ble} Board of War with respect to myself and the soldiers under my directions.

I have the honour to be your Honour

Most Obed Humble Serv

Zebulon Butler

Enclosed

Copy of a letter to the Board of War 10 July from F T Allen

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10.9 Item 8: Journal Entries from a copy of a letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [General Hand](#), 1779 March 23-28.

Type of Material: Journal Entries

Title: N/A

Description: This item consists of several diary entries written by Zebulon Butler over the course of a week or so. The item describes an attack on provisions which led to soldiers being wounded, and continues on describing the situation in further detail as it was discovered. The back of the paper seems to have lyrics to a song/poem.

Dates: March 23-28 1779

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: An update on enemy troop movements.

Locations: Wyoming Garrison

People: [General Hand](#)

General Condition: Okay. The paper has been torn into three pieces, however it does not affect the legibility of the letter. The paper is browning, and there are some minor stains and ink bleedthrough present.

Measurements: 12 ½ in. x 7 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

I time the Enemy were Driveing [sic] off Cattel [sic] and Horses they got fifty one Head of Horn Cutlet and ten Horses Burnt three barns only full of hay and grain and two Dwelling Houses we Lost no men killed or Taken we had two Wounded but tis hoped not mortally
24 & 25 March being Extreemly [sic] Stormy we heard not much about them
26. we Discovered Large smokes Rising about four Miles Down the River, on the Other side Where we had A guard in A Black House to Guard A mill.
27. two men from the Block House in front all in well Except three Barons Partly filled with grains and hay and two Houses with some Quantity of Provisions were Burnt at the time they were Burning our Peopel [sic] Discovered A Considerable number Runing [sic] about but none has been seen this Day yet it is now 12 O'Clock
I have sent this same Amount to guard Washington and the Board of Warr
28th Nothing Happen^d since the Above Acct only we Believe we Now Discover their smokes from our Last Discoveries I Rather think thee Enemy were Near 300

[Back of paper]

May and cee Gan Garry Carr'd Wyoming
And your your Cee a and may Carry on Carry on

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10.10 Item 9: Letter from Susannah Green to [General Sullivan](#), 1779 July 9.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter, written by Susannah Green, explains that her husband died in battle and that she can no longer afford to support her family. It requests General Sullivan to provide her with monetary support as he has a reputation to do. Zebulon Butler delivered this and confirmed Ms. Green's story to be true.

Dates: 9th July 1779

Creator: Susannah Green

Subjects: Monetary support request.

Locations: Wyoming

People: [Zebulon Butler](#), [Major General Sullivan](#)

General Condition: Poor. Vinegar smell. The paper is falling apart, with quite large tears present at folds in the paper; a section of the paper has been cut out. The paper itself is very stained, browning, has tattered edges, and has fading ink.

Measurements: 12 ⁵/₈ in. x 8 ¹/₄ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 9th July 1779

Whereas it has been a Custom among all Civiliz'd nations that concordly Harmony Reaneth;

It is the humble petition of Susannah Green, who left destitute of Succour by the Unfortunate Battle at Kingston by depriving her of the partner in this life, who boldly venting himself for the sake of his Bleeding Country He was Killed in the Attempt

Now as the Root of the Family is taken from the Branches, it behaves every tender hearted person to bewail her loss, & help if in their flower the now presents Issue of his-

And as it is the [Illegible due to damage] talk amongst all Ranks that the Honorable General Sullivan has a peculiar name in helping the distressed, who left alone with four small Children, none of them able to [Rest of sentence cut out from paper]

It is there therefore desired that the g- [Rest of sentence cut out from paper]

& Investigate a Rule, that aportion may be allowing to the Widow and Fatherless in their present circumstances, which will be gratefully acknowledged & the desire will forever pray; And if accepted by your honour or if Impossible to be granting may the Almighty Shour down his blessings Upon the Army in General under the direction of Commanders set over them by the United States, may God grant you, Sir, Conduct sufficient & the Troops under your Command to conduct themselves under your mild Instructions & may God give you victory over our natural as well as savage enemy's I am,

Hon Sir,

Your Humble petitioner

Susannah Green

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To

Major Gen'l Sullivan

the Representation of the Widdow [sic] Green is true her Husband was killed in the action at his place and she is left poor with four Children.

Wyoming
12 July 1779
Sept(?) Zeb Butler Col

Col Butler is Directed to ----- to Mrs Green & her children such quantity of provisions as shall cherish necessary provided she nooks for the publish notion called upon by him green at Head Quarter in Wyoming. [Text possibly cut off paper]

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10.11 Item 10: Letter from Jonas Baylor to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1779 August 7.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This item instructs Butler to allow an individual to keep possession of two oxen, as long as he provides the Continental Army with an equal quantity of meat.

Dates: August 7th 1779

Creator: Jonas Baylor

Subjects: Provisions order.

Locations: Wyalusing

People: [Zebulon Butler](#), [Benjamin Harvey](#)

General Condition: Okay. Vinegar smell. The paper is rather fragile as it is tearing at some folds; the edges are tattered, the paper is browning, and there are some unobtrusive stains present.

Measurements: 13 ¼ in. x 8 ¼ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyalusing August 7th 79

Sir,

I am directed by General Sullivan to request that you would permit Mr Benjamin Harvey to retain two oxen which he now has in his possession provided he gives in lieu thereof, an equal quantity of beef & pork.

Yours [Illegible]

Jonas Daylor, A D Camp

Colo: Butler

[Back of paper]

Gen'l Sullivan
Order 7 Aug'st 1779

Colo Butler
Wyoming

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10.12 Item 11: Letter from [Ben Stoddert](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1779 October 19-20. (Found in Subseries II: Susquehanna Controversy, Box 14)

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by United States Secretary of Navy Benjamin Stoddert was written to forward orders from the Board of War to Zebulon Butler, requesting that some regiments from Wyoming are moved to support Sunbury. It specifically requests men under Captains Schott and Spaulding to report there.

Dates: 20 October 1779, 19 October 1779

Creator: Ben Stoddert

Subjects: Military letter

Locations: War Office

People: [General Hand](#), Timothy Mattack(?), [Captain Schott](#), [Captain Spaulding](#), [Colonel Hunter](#), [Zebulon Butler](#)

General Condition: Bad. The paper is extremely thin to the point where you can very easily see straight through it, and is in turn extremely easy to damage. Outside of that, the paper contains several tears, rather large folds, ink fading, as well as other signs of age.

Measurements: 9 ½ in. x 7 ¾ in. (closed); 15 ½ in. x 9 ½ in. (open)

Transcript Attempt:

In Council. Philadelphia 19th October 1779.

Resolved that the petition of the Inhabitants of Northumberland County representing this great apprehensions from the Indians and the letters from Genl Hand; be transmitted to the board of war and that they be requested, to order one hundred & fifty men from Wyoming to Sunbury, there to be stationed in such manner, as the sentiment of the County, and the commanding officer of the said Troops shall deem most likely to afford the greatest security and protection to the said county.

Echant (sic) from the Nunites (sic) James Trumble for Timothy Mattack(?) Secy.

Copy.

War Office 20.th October 1779.

Sir

In consequence of the request contained in the above resolution of Council, and the board being of opinion that Shotts Corps & Spaldings Company with the detachments of proctors will be fully competent to the defence (sic) of the Garrison at Wyoming you are hereby directed immediately to order the German Regiment to Sunberry the Commanding officer of which with the advice & assistance of Col Hunter, Lieutenant of the County, will station his men in such manner & places, as he may deem most proper for the preservation of the Inhabitants, & security of the Troops.

Should the Reg. be prepared to march before the cloathing (sic) now on the way, arrives - a sufficient guard had better be left to escort it down the River the March of the Regiment must not be delayed if able to proceed without it.

I am sir yr most obed.

Hble Serv.

by order of the board

Ben Stoddert

Secretary.

Bord War
20. Oct 1779

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Public Service
Lieutenant Coll. Zebulon Butler.
or Commanding Officer
at Wyoming

War office

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10.13 Item 12: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [George Washington](#), 1780 April 2. (Found in Subseries II: Susquehanna Controversy, Box 14)

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter is about a group of soldiers who were captured by Native Americans and what they saw while captive.

Dates: 2 April 1780

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Military letter

Locations: Wyoming

People: [George Washington](#)

General Condition: Bad. Vinegar smell. The paper is separated into four separate pieces due to tears at folds, however the tears do not affect legibility. The condition of the paper is relatively poor however, with it showing extreme signs of age, as well as containing severe staining, some folds, as well as tears.

Measurements: 13 ½ in. x 8 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 2^d April 1780

May it Please your excellency

I arrived at this Post the 22^d inst after A Tedious Journey and Obliged to Travel about forty miles of the laft (sic) of it on Foot the snow being so Deep and yet too Deep to get A Horse through the wood on marching preparation to Joyn (sic) as soon as Possabel (sic)

I think it my Deuty (sic) to inform your Excellency with the Late Transaction of the Enemy near this Post on the 27 March on Three men were at work about three miles above the Garrison by the River they were taken on the 28 early in the morning as two men were marching shugar (sic) about Eight miles down the River one was killed and the other Taken on the 29 Early in the Morning about twenty miles further Down on Fishing Creek three men were killed and three Taken on the same Day in the afternoon on their Return they came Across A Party that went out to give notice to some men that were out making shugar (sic) wounded two of them but they all saved themselves by taking to A House and all with the two wounded are come the two wounded like to Recover on the 30th as they were still Returning they took one man his wife and child who were out making shugar (sic) they dismissed the woman and child

who say they were above thirty in numbers and confirm the account of above mention prisoner and on the Evening of the same Day the three men Mentioned of being taken the 27 March came in with indian guns tomhacks & and say that they were taken as above mentioned and carried about forty miles up the River and that on the 28th March afternoon they Met A Party of about thirty Indians one White man and one of the Indians they knowd (sic) and they met two small Parts afterward Pushing down the River those Partys told our men that there were five hundred out and A Large Party coming on after them Brant with A Party Was gone to the Mohawk River A Party to Manifinct (?) and A Party to the West Branch of Sussq.^h

those three men Early in the morning of the 29 March those on their Master killed three Wounded the fourth and two ran which is confirmed by their bringing in five Indian guns one silver mounted Hanger some Tomhacks and other Indian affairs. The Party they met on the 28 March afternoon have not Done any Mischief hear yet as it was impossabel (sic) for them to be Down so low as when the Room Mentioned was Done we are Looking for them. Every Hour the three men further say that by the Appearance of Snow Shac Tracks as far up as they went that then had Our Numbers of Indians there for some months from the above Representation Which I have Carefully take and have No Reason to Doubt the Truth of them your Excellency Will be abel (sic) to judge what is Necessary for the Defence of the Frontiers in these parts and can only say I am with all attention your Excellency most obt Humble servt

Zebn Butler Col

His Excellency Genl Washington

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Coppy (sic) Letter to Genl Washington 2^d April 1780

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10.14 Item 13: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to “The President of the Board of War,” 1780 April 5.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter describes the killing and capture of individuals by Native Americans. The letter then delves into how the Natives must have informed the enemy of Butler’s troops due to the presence of rifles held by some Natives that were killed or wounded by the Continental Army.

Dates: 5 April 1780

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Military letter

Locations: Wyoming

People: N/A

General Condition: Okay. The paper is in two pieces, however the section separated contains no text. The paper itself is browning, has fading ink and tattered edges, contains some minor stains, and is tearing at folds.

Measurements: 13 ¼ in. x 8 ¼ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 5 April 1780

Sir

since my Letter of the 30th Inst the men mentioned of being taken on the 28:29 30th of March have come in they were three Men and two boys and the men were killed as men [illegible] taken and carried off and the men were held as mentioned in my other letter as mentioned in my other letter and in the Night of the first Inst our men arose on their Master being only ten in Number of the Indians our men killed three wounded several more and took possession [sic] of ten guns some Tom ho has about thirty blankets mokersons & and the Indians that Ran off had only their brick clouts on as is their usual way of sleeping our men brought of Every Articel that was left by the Indians but have left some of them on the Rode but have brought in six Indian guns som had scalping knives Wompum [sic] & which leaves no doubt of the truth of their Report they likewise report that the Indians told them that they expect to meet A large party comeing [sic] Down on the Fonteers this is just by A gentleman Travilling [sic] to Philadelphia without expense to the Publick hope it will Reach you soon

I am sir your Humbel [sic] Serv

Zeb Butler Colonel

President Board War

Coping Letter

Bord War

5 April 1780

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10.15 Item 14: Letter from [William Stuart](#) to “Dear sir,” 1780 May 9.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: Although the intended recipient of this letter is never noted by name, William Stuart was likely writing to Zebulon Butler on the subject of providing provisions to his post.

Dates: 9 May 1780

Creator: [William Stuart](#)

Subjects: Provisions

Locations: Northumberland

People: [Colonel Blain](#), [William McClay](#), Lt Beech, Mrs. Butler; possibly [Zebulon Butler](#)'s wife

General Condition: Okay. Vinegar smell. The paper is browning, has some minor stains, some fading ing, and some minor tears at seams which do not affect legibility.

Measurements: 13 ¼ in x 8 ⅛ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Northumberland May 9th 1780

Dear sir

Agreeable to your orders I have applied to Commissarys [sic] of Cumberland & Lancaster Connty [sic] But cou'd not be supply'd with any prvisions [sic] for the Post of Wyoming without Express orders from Col'o Blain Commiss'r General upon which Immediately wrote to him for an order to Supply me 134. Mr. William McClay which I intend to wait at Harrins Ferry for a Return I should be glad to have your Express orders to the Commissarys to supply me with Nessasary [sic] Provisions for your part upon

their Refusal for me to apply to long upon the Board of War. To have the Post supplied. There is some Provisions forwarded to the post which I made aplycation [sic] foursome I got what he could share which is only 2 Barrels Beef 3 Barrels Flowers one of whisky which I have sent by Lt Beech which I hope will come safe to Hand. I think it will be very difficult to supply your post. Yet I mean to do every thing in my power to Provide every thing Possible I can I should think it Nessary [sic] to send down two or three men with Lt Beech to help up with any provisions that may come to hand as I think it will not nessary [sic] to unload any Provisions By the way but go Directly on to Wyoming, I would Be obliged to you to order to the Dr Mr to send me a Good Horse as I shall have to Ride a consideration after Provisions, if their is none at the Port to send me orders to here on as I cannot be supply'd down here an acct' of the Southern Expedition.

Bring Comp'td to
Mrs Butler & all fund

I remain with due Respect,
Your sincere
Humble Servant
William Stuart

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10.16 Item 15: Letter from [William Stewart](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1780 July 8.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter from William Stuart informs Zebulon Butler on the status of providing provisions to his camp.

Creator: [William Stuart/Stewart](#)

Subjects: Military letter.

Locations: Lancaster

People: [Zebulon Butler](#)

General Condition: Good. Browning of paper, minor folds, and minor inobtrusive staining present.

Measurements: 13 ¼ in. x 8 ¼ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Sir

Agreeable to your Instruction I have apply to the Purchasing Com'y the Council in Consequence of their apprehensions of Danger has-given Orders to the Com'y at Lancaster to supply the hand as at Lunbury but thought it not Desirable to forward any to Wyoming-

Mr Verbay (the Com'y) promises me Immediately to forward flour to Sunbury from where I Expect to receive Instructions from the President of Council To be supply'd. I am now on my way & I have make no unnecessary Delay, I apply'd at Cumberland & have promises of being Supply'd there, should they send it, Mr Buck will Immediately of with it upon the whole. I think it advisable to apply to his Excellency for an order upon Lancaster & Cumberland County but you will Exercise your Own Judgement I am with Due Respect good sir.

Your al Hum'l Servant
William Stuart

H.P.S Feus(?)
Lancaster 8 July, 1780

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Mr. Stewart
8 July 1780

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10.17 Item 16: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to “the War Board,” 1780 July 11.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: Zebulon Butler is writing to the Board of War about the situation at the Wyoming Garrison. He notes that they require more supplies due to the rapid usage of things by the people situated there. Butler also notes an encounter with enemy scouts.

Dates: 11 July 1780

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Military Report

Locations: Wyoming Garrison

People: N/A

General Condition: Poor. The letter is separated into four pieces due to tears at folds in the paper, leading to some words to be missing/illegible. The paper itself is browning, and contains tattered edges and staining.

Measurements: 13 1/8 in. x 8 3/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Garrison Wyoming 11. July 1780

Sir

Yours of the 6 April left by order of the Board I Received had at that time Engaged Gen of the Militia kept them in pay one month (as it appeared that the Enemy were in Different Quarters around us after that I Engaged thirty one of the milita as you will se [sic] by the Included Return you mention. the post must be maintained with ouonency [sic] I very much approve of that and my Conduct while commanding at this part will prove it. The article of Wood for the garrison two winters there is no expense for only the publick waggon, to draw it it sic was in order for every office to bend [Illegible due to damage] own wood and every mess to get their own wood which was complyed with there is no bill for wood for this garrison and A number of other things to the amount of some thousands of pounds if the publish had to pay for them hear as they have at some other Postss I should be happy to be called to amount Respecting my ouonency [sic] A this post with Respect to Women and Children. Drawing Rations at this post then is none but souldiers Wifes and Children drawn Rations and their number are very Large for the number of men if the bord Desire it I will make A Return of this number and what souldiers draw for their families and they may order it stopped or Deduct it out of their wages if Receive no further order Respecting them I shall suppose I must continue their Rations as ---- (I was very sorry to

to hear that after any Letter of 2nd and 5th of April ---- Read in the Board of War that one gentleman turned to the others and Asked them if they delivered it was true However I shall only say that Gentelman must be suspicious of his own Honnour or he would not have supported mine as to News from this Quarter we have none offered now Since April, one of my scouting parties about 70 miles up the River came across for Toress on their way from New York to Niagaria(sic) as -- can by their formal no other papers found with them one badly wounded one slitley [sic] wounded one other taken the fourth needs [sic] his e----- I have sent two that are abel [sic] to go to head Quarater this Day the other not like to live.

I am with all attention to Order from the Bord of War your Most Humb'l
Servant Zebulon Butler Col'o Commander

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10.18 Item 17: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to Mr. Stewart, 1780 August 1.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Zebulon Butler is in relation to provisions, specifically flour.

Dates: 1 Aug 1780

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Provisions

Locations: Wyoming

People: Mr Stewe Mrs Beech, [Capt Selin](#), Mr. Forlman

General Condition: Good. Some vinegar smell. The paper is browning, has tattered edges, and contains some minor, unobtrusive stains and folds.

Measurements: 13 ¼ in. x 8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 1st Augt 1780

Sir

I Recieved [sic] your from Lancaster Dated 8 July 1780 in which you mention you have aplyed [sic] to the Purchasing Commisary [sic] & you likewise inform me that if any flower should come Mr. Buck would bring it to this Post. Buck has not come the souldiers [sic] that I sent from this Post Brought about twenty barrels of flower you mention you were going to Philadelphia for order and Capt Selin was in Philadelphia two Days after you Left it which is almost three Weeks ago and I have no news from you which is very surprising not withstanding I repeatedly Desired you to send me an Express and you must be sensabel [sic] the garrison is out and was some time before the left boot come must Refer you to Mr Forfman Letter for the state of the storesband Desire you Dismiss this express with account of what is doing as soon as possabel [sic]

I am sir your Humbel [sic] Serv

Zebulon Butler Col Com

Mr Stewart

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Compy Letter

LM Stewart

1. August 1780

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10.19 Item 18: Letter from [William Stewart](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1780 August 6.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by William Stuart updates Zebulon Butler on the progress of a flour shipment. William suggests that he could get some of his men to bring the provisions themselves.

Dates: 6 August 1780

Creator: [William Stewart](#)

Subjects: Provisions

Locations: Janiata Mouth

People: [Zebulon Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay Vinegar smell. The paper is browning, contains one rather large yet unobtrusive tear, has tattered edges, and has several minor stains and folds.

Measurements: 13 ½ in. x 8 ⅛ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Janiata 6th August 1780

Sir,

I rec'd d your Deated first August 1780. I got orders on the Commasarys [sic] of Lancaster and Com'bnd Countys [sic] for flour & for an Express. I could not gat [sic] aney [sic] for love or money to go up. (I thought it Best to gat [sic] the flour on the Way Befour [sic] I left these parts which was not in my power till this Day to gat [sic] it to the River, and then go myself if I could not gat one). I shall set off tow [sic] small Boats Loadet [sic] with flour a tusday [sic] morning for Wyoming, you will plese [sic] to send sume [sic] men to meat [sic] them at mountgumarys please as I dont no that the Boatmen will like to go all the way the 9th or 10th of this mounth [sic] I shall have one Boat Load Redey [sic] if I can gat men to Taek [sic] it up and perhaps sume [sic] Whiskey. I shall Sit you By the Boatmen.

I am sir your Hu'm Ser't

William Stewart

AC of JSs

Zeb Butler Esq

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W'm Stewart

6 Augt. 1780

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10.20 Item 19: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to "Board of War," 1780 August 17.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Butler describes the lack of Native Americans in the area, the dismissal of a militia, as well as a trial surrounding a Mr. Latour.

Dates: 17 August 1780

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#), Mr. Latour, [Schott](#)

Subjects: A letter about a trial

Locations: Wyoming

People: Mr. Latour, [Captain Schott](#)

General Condition: Okay. The paper is browning, has tattered edges, and contains some staining, folds, and tears.

Measurements: 13 1/8 in. x 8 5/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Garrison Wyoming 17. Augt 1780

Gentelman [sic]

the Board will be informed by this that we have no news from any Quarter of the Indian nor have we Discovered any signs of them in these parts since last spring. I have Dismissed the Militia. this will be handed to the Bord [sic] by Mr. Latour who was Lieut in Schotts Corps but has Resigned his Commision I have sent it to the Board for them to approve or Disapprove Mr. Latour was charged with Procuring it False Forthough for A souldier [sic] and other things unbecoming an Officer was had before a court of Enquiry and the court give it as their opinion he was guilty of the Whole as he could not be tryed [sic] hear I thought it better to take his Commision than to be at the Troubel [sic] to send him to head Quarters for A Tryal [sic] but the Board can do as they Please either to allow him to Resign have him tried or continue him Capt Schott has payed him wages and subsistence to the first day of July 1780 Inclosed I send his Commision and an Account of clothing he has Recieved [sic] and has not Paid for them I am gentlemen your most Obt Humble

Serv Zeb Butler Col Comd

Board War

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Compy Letter to
Bord War
17 Aug. 1780

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10.21 Item 20: Letter from [William Stewart](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1780 August 28.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by William Stewart informs Zebulon Butler about his attempts at acquiring Cattle for Fort Wyoming.

Dates: August 28, 1780

Creator: [William Stewart/Stuart](#)

Subjects: Acquisition of livestock

Locations: Juniata River

People: [Zebulon Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay. The paper is browning, the edges are tattered, there are several folds and stains present, and there is one obtrusive tear which prevents the legibility of one word.

Measurements: 13 ¼ in. x 8 ⅝ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Janiata [sic] August 28th 1780

Sir

I rec'd yours Benecing Deat 25th Ju' I had the Loading Read to put in the Boats By the time the men got here & three men to go up in the Boats I shall Do Every thing in my Power to have row boats Load Ready By the time the Boats Can got Back, I think it Will Be Best to send them soon as possabel- [sic] for one boat will have to go up Janiata & one down to Hiris Farrey [sic] for some of the Loading and it will Detain them for 3 Days here, I think that your Righting on mine to a Puchen Commesery [sic] of Cattel [sic] is sofichent [sic], Col En'k Blain is the Person who superstendes, I have wrot [sic] to him that we want Beef at Wyoming and for to send money on to order Cattel [sic] to Be sent as soon as Bossabel [sic] - - I think it will Be Best for you to send- a Congress to Call Blain Cg Bs on Where you Shall think Best, for the Commisery [sic] here Cannot by Cattel [sic] with the state money we were in hope that it wold [sic] pay for Cattel [sic] But find it will not yet- The want of money Buts it out of our faver to get Cattel [sic], Coll Blain was at Camp about tow [sic] weeks ago, Call Cox went to Philadelphia for money for him self and to Bring sum [sic] for me, But got none for Either of us, if I Could gat [sic] money I wold [sic] soon gat [sic] Cattel [sic] fouly our post, I want to go up much But I think if I leve [sic] this plese [sic] we wold [sic] not gat [sic] tham [sic] to supley [sic] that post, I am in hope after the niset [sic] Loads go up I will have time for to go up, for I want to see you and the Rest of my nibours [sic] there, I have no order to Etching hid's for shoes.

I am Sir your Hum Servant

William Stuart ACJ's

NB you have Best send a gard [sic] to meet the Boats at Crookes Bessels [sic] and likewise Wright to Every Way you can think of as on Cattle as there is so meney [sic] wated [sic] at Camp I think we will be put to do gat [sic] Cattel [sic] with one I gat money

[Illegible] Mr. Stewart

28 Augt 1780

Zeb Butler Coll Comd

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10.22 Item 21: Letter from [William Stuart](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1780 October 17.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by William Stuart informs Zebulon Butler about the impending arrival of provisions via boat. Stuart also mentions that he attempted to get liquor but was not able to obtain any.

Dates: 17 October 1780

Creator: [William Stuart](#)

Subjects: Provisions

Locations: Janiata

People: [Zebulon Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay. Browning of paper, tattered edges, some minor stains, and unobtrusive folds in the paper present.

Measurements: 13 ½ in. x 8 ¼ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Janiata 17th October 1780

Sir

Yours of the 22^d sept and 8th of Oct Com to m and, I did my Endevers [sic] to Bunches Cattle for Centifycats Befour [sic], I Rec^d your Letter and, since But find it will not Do without money all the meat that I get for the Boatmen I must, pay the money or give my not for all I gat, I have Been with som [sic] of the Boatmen about the Liquor the say the Will sneer the did Not tack it, I cannot gate [sic] aney [sic] Liquor for to send you at this time, yours of the 8th Oct: mention that you are Entirely out of flour and meat, since I sent off the Last Boat I went to the cooper and got B'lls mead and got them to the mill and got seven B'll full ground and Brought Back with me, I tould [sic] the miller to grind all the wheat he had in two or three Days for the Boat, would Bee for it when I went of the states Back he had not one Bu'sl ground, I ground all he had and seventeen Bu'sh of his one and one B'll of Reg flour to make the Lods I have so much trobel [sic] to gat [sic] what littel [sic] flour I send you I am weary of it. I have sent you nineteen B'll, of flour if the wates Do not Rise I cannot say when there will Be more flour Redey [sic] the mills that the Reminder of the wheat is at Cannot grind for want of water. I want the Mid Down much I hope the water will soon Rise, there was no men to spear from the Boats to Drive up Cattle on I should sent up the Cattle the others left, you writ you want to see me. I Dar [sic] say you Do not want to see me more then I want to Be there But I think if I was not here we will not gat one B'll of flour I am in hope to gat [sic] what flour will Do us this winter in a short time if the water should rise.

Sam sir your humble servant

William Stuart

NB s-- ples to send one small boat and 4 or 5 men for to go to the mills, with flour cask, and liquor barrels I want down and sam of the boat of the flour casket and 12 ones hid of the larges one

I can not gat [sic] hand here to tack the barrels to mill onely [sic] as I pay them with my on money. W S

Zeb Buttler Col Capt

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10.23 Item 22: Letter from [Samuel Hunter](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1780 October 23. (Found in Wilkes Barre/Wyoming Valley/Luzerne County Box 13)

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter is about Samuel Hunter being unable to send supplies for Sunbury because of the governor's orders.

Dates: Oct 23, 1780

Creator: [Samuel Hunter](#)

Subjects: Military letter

Locations: Sunbury

People: [Zebulon Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay. Paper contains tattered edges, some staining on the back, as well as some general signs of age, however nothing prevents legibility.

Measurements: 8 1/8 in. x 6 1/2 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Sir

I Received instructions from his Excellency Governor Reed, ordering me to stop for the use of the post at Sunbury, all supplies drawn from the commissioners of the counties of Lancaster York and Cumberland, for the garrison at Wyomin, and in consequence of s.^d orders I have stoped (sic) two Boats loaded with Flower, and in the meantime sent of an express to Mr. Stewart acquainting him of what I had done that he might write me in what manner he procured this Flower, and for the men to stay here until I need an answer from Mr. Stewart. I am Sir your

Most Humb'e Serv.

Sunbury Oct. 23 1780

Saml. Hunter LNC

Colonel Zebulon Butler

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Colonel Zebulon Butler

Commanding at

Wyomin

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10.24 Item 23: Letter from [J. H. Antes](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1780 October 26.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter seems to be about providing provisions for the post at Wyoming controlled by Butler, but it is not clear due to lack of context.

Dates: October 26 1780

Creator: [J.H. Antes](#)

Subjects: Provisions

Locations: Northumberland

People: [Col Hunter](#), [Zebulon Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay. Slight vinegar smell. The paper is browning, the edges are lightly tattered, there are some stains, as well as some folds in the paper.

Measurements: 8 in. x 6 5/8 in. (closed); 16 in. x 13 1/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Northumberland October the 26th 1780

Sir

I Received yours from the 23 Inst But am sorry to aquond you that I Received orders by a Letter to Col Hunter, not to furnish any artickle [sic] to as or the post at Wyoming, as Col Hunters has order to Map

every artickle furnished by the Comm'er of the state until further order I therefore faze to be excuset [sic]
of not Complying in your Request and Remane [sic] sir

With due Regard your very Hum Sert

F h Antes Comm'sr

To Colo Butler

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Col.n Antes
26 Octr 1780

To
Col Zebulon Butler
Comst
Of
Wyoming

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10.25 Item 24: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [Colonel Antes](#), 1780 November 25.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Zebulon Butler concerns supplies as well as a foraging mission.

Dates: 25 Nov 1780

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Military update, Provisions

Locations: Wyoming, PA

People: [Col Antes](#)

General Condition: Poor. Vinegar smell. The paper is separated into three separate pieces as it has torn at folds. The paper itself is browning, has some tattered edges, and has minor folds and staining.

Measurements: 9 in. x 7 1/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 25 Nov 1780

Sir yours Respecting Forrage [sic] I Received but as the Congress has lately ordered cattle flower & from Pennsylvania to this Post Perhaps the Forrag may come under your Directions if it should then may be Enough Purchased hear we shall want only for 12 or 14 Horses is your order should continue so that you can not supply or give order for A supply I shall be much obliged to you for an answer by the Barrow to let me know what to Depend on so that I may look out in some other Quarter

Your comptians will much oblige you

Humble Servt

Zeb Butler Colonel

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10.26 Item 25: Letter from [Samuel Hunter](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1780 December 7.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Samuel Hunter informs Zebulon Butler of forty barrels of flour that he is delivering from Lancaster, Cumberland, and York counties.

Dates: December 7 1780

Creator: [Samuel Hunter](#)

Subjects: Provisions

Locations: Fort Augusta

People: [Zebulon Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay. The paper is browning, the edges are tattered, there is an unobtrusive missing section of the paper, and there are minor folds and stains present.

Measurements: 8 in. x 6 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Fort Augusta Dec 7th 1780

Sir

Yours of 25th Ist I received in Which you would be Desirous to know if my Orders in Regard of stoping [sic] any Provisions Purchased by the Commissioners of Lancaster Cumberland or Yorks Countys [sic] for the Post at Wyoming continues in force, they have never been countermanded But as you write me that you have leatly [sic] received an Order from Congress for the Commissioner of Cumberland County to send you forty Barrels of Flower, its more then I can do to let its pass this, Except the order is Produced by the person you send for the Flower which will keep me safe, suppose Mr. Stewart makes very light of the orders I rec'd from the Governor.

I am your most

Humble servant

Samuel Hunter

LND

Col Zebulon Butler

Colonel Zabulon Butler
Commanding at
& Express Wyoming

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Col Hunter 7 Dec'r 1780

Col Hunter

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10.27 Item 26: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to “the President of the Board of War,” 1780 December 18.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Zebulon Butler is a request for supplies for the Wyoming Garrison. The letter was also written to provide updates to the Board of War about some events that happened near the garrison.

Dates: 18 December 1780

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Military Letter, Provisions

Locations: Wyoming

People: [Mr. Jinkins](#), [Colonel Antes](#), [Captain Schott](#), [Captain Selin](#), [Captain Spaulding](#), [Lieutenant Myers](#), Doctor Smith

General Condition: Good. The paper is lightly browning, the edges are slightly tattered, the ink is fading, and there are very minor folds and stains present.

Measurements: 12 ½ in. x 8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 18 Dec 1780

Sir

this comes by Mr. Jinkins who is after money clothing & for the Troops at this Post by which youll be informd the Enemy have made us a slite [sic] siff on the Evening of the Sixth Inst. A Party came on some Familys that had moved out about four miles from the garrison took seven men left the women and children Unhurt Rob'd them only of necessary provisions and clothing to take them along this was Done without the Fiering [sic] of a gun one of their party deserted and came in whose account I send inclosed and I did not hear of it till next morning and in about six hours I sent A party after them who persued [sic] them two Days and could not Pursue any Further for want of Provision as we have not had any flower at this Post this two months but I suppose ways are taken to Prower the artichel [sic] of provisions but you'll se [sic] by Col Antes's Letter which is as Follows

that we can get no forage for the few continental horses that are hear which is all the expense that the Publick [sic] has to pay for Wood & for the Garrison if the Bord [sic] should think proper to send money and orders to me or some Parson that they believed would give them A proper amount of it I should advise to that Measure as Forrage [sic] can be Purchased at as cheep a rate as any Place and much larger quantyties [sic] than what is wanted as we have only twelve or fourteen continental horses hear expecting officer horses and I observe the Resolus of Congress Respecting Forrage [sic] it gives Forage & Capt Schott Commands A Corps Capt Selin is Paymaster to it Capt Spaulding is Paymaster to his Company Doctor Smith is surgeon to the Garrison Lt Myers is adjacent to the Garrison I have as yet Refused giving them Forrage [sic] but shall be obliged to do it agreeabel [sic] to the Resolves of Congress without I Receiv'd order from the Bord [sic] other ways or A Diferent [sic] Explanation as the Resolves. I have dismissed the militia and give the soldiers wives only [Illegible] Rations of Provision I have sent Inclosed the Return of the Garrison and A Return of Ammunition wanting and need not only add that I have the Honnour to be the Bord most Obt Humbl Servt

Zeb Butler Colonel Commd

President of Bord War

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10.28 Item 27: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#), to “Board of War,” 1781 January 22.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter, possibly written by Zebulon Butler describes a desperate need for supplies, specifically clothing, before his troops march. A handwritten copy.

Dates: 22 January 1781

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Provisions

Locations: Wyoming

People: [Capt. Selin](#), [Lt. John Jenkins](#), [Spaulding](#)

General Condition: Poor. Slight Vinegar smell. The paper is separated into two halves, as it has torn at a fold. The paper itself is in very poor condition, with the edges being extremely tattered, the paper browning, there being several minor tears and stains, as well as general ink fading. A bottom section of the letter seems to missing from the letter.

Measurements: 9 ¾ in. x 7 ¼ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 22 Jan 1781

Agreabel [sic] to A Resolue of Congress A Relief is come to this post but the Troops at this Post can not march without being furnished with many clothing. & or I have his Exullincy [sic] orders to march them Immediately. I would wish to have them furnish'd with those

Articls [sic] as soon as possabel [sic] as it will be Expensive. Virtually Both Parties head Capt Seling from the free Comand [sic] and Lt Jimkings [John Jenkins] or Spaulding waits on the Bord for A settelment [sic] I wish it could be done that thee Troops mite march without grumblng. Your last respecting [sic] eCorp Schotts Corps was that the Offices would be Supremacy the first of Janr'y but as those gentelmen [sic] have Rec'd no order Dismission or pay thay [sic] yet look on themselves in Service can only last I wish you to little it and let [Illegible] have

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Company Letter

Board War

22. Jan 1781

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10.29 Item 28a: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [Major Lawrence](#), 1781 February 24.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: The letter written by Zebulon Butler simply contains various military updates surrounding the American Revolution.

Dates: 24 Feb 1781

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Military Correspondence

Locations: Wyoming

People: [Capt Spaulding](#), [Capt Mitchel](#), Baldwin, [Major Lawrence](#)

General Condition: Poor. Vinegar smell. The letter is separated in two due to a tear at a fold. The paper itself is in rather poor condition with the edges being very tattered, with some words becoming illegible due to this, general browning of the paper, stans and folds being present, as well as some fading of the ink and obtrusive tears.

Measurements: 12 $\frac{3}{8}$ in. x 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 24 Feb 1781

Honnord Sir

this will be handed you by Capt Spaulding Who I have Directed to March to your Division with his company some few Remain behind which I shall se to forward soon and shall not leave any behind when I come I have told Capt Spaulding and his men that they would have this choice of Reqts to joyn [sic] if they should chuse [sic] the fourth I hope it would be judged they onnabel [sic] as that Reqt has had no addition and the others have but I have not heard their choice the Relief from the Jersey Line one arrived hear commanded by Capt Mitchel A Distressed gentleman who I think will give Entyer [sic] satisfaction to the Inhabitants and Conduct his command as judicially as is in the Power of man. it was Repeated by mentioned to me when I was in camp by the Field offices that my son must come and take A commission In the Line for my Part I cant conceive how there can be Vacancies but if there is such A thing I think he Rather inclines to sorce [sic] that way but the way he has ben [sic] in has furnished him more properly for A pay master or Q Master. Sarj Baldwin of Spauldings company is A Worthy Deserving young man would make A good officer and is a great Partizan shall [Illegible due to damage] will get me Clothing which I dayly [sic] Expect to Effect can only say I have the Honnour [sic] to be your Honr Most Obed Humbel [sic]

Serv Zebulon Butler

Compliments to Maj Lawrence and the gentlemen

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10.30 Item 28b: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to Captains [Schott](#) and [Selin](#), 1781 February 24.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Zebulon Butler is in regards to a military order given by George Washington, and how the recipients should meet Washington to receive further details. The letter specifically notes that while marching to headquarters, the men should be respectful and not do damage to the locals and their property.

Dates: 24 Feb 1781

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Military orders

Locations: Wyoming

People: [Capt Schott](#), Capt Selin, [George Washington](#)

General Condition: Poor. Vinegar smell. The paper is separated into two separate sections due to a tear at a fold in the paper. The paper itself is in okay condition with some tattered edges, browning of the paper, and some unobtrusive folds and stains.

Measurements: 7 ⁷/₈ in. x 7 ³/₄ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Gentelmen [sic]

in consequence of A late order from his Excellency general [sic] Washington you will march the Troops under of our command in the most convenient rout [sic] to Head Quarters were [sic] you will Recieve [sic] his Excellencys orders for your further conduct.

you will be very carefull [sic] on your march to keep your men in good order and regulation you will se that they do not abase the Inhabitants neither in Pars or on Property. All commissary & Masters on your rout [sic] are defend to furnish you with Provision Liquor Carriages & wishing you A good March and A safe Arrivel [sic]

Wyoming 24 Feb 1781 I am sir your &

Z Butler Col

Capt Schoott [sic] & Selin

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10.31 Item 29: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [George Washington](#), 1781 February 24. (Found in Subseries II: Susquehanna Controversy, Box 14)

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter updates General George Washington based on some of the problems and happenings in the Wyoming Valley.

Dates: 24 February 1781

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Military letter.

Locations: Wyoming

People: [George Washington](#), Captain Spaulding, [Captain Selin](#), General Person, Captain Schott

General Condition: Bad.

Measurements: 15 ³/₄ in. x 12 ¹/₂ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 24th Feby. 1781

May it Please your Excellency,

Your orders of the 29th Dec. 1780 I rec^d - Captain Mitchell on the 22^d of January 1781 Immediately sent to Philadelphia for clothing for the soldiers, urging the Nessity (sic) of their Being Supplied Quick, as it was Impossible for them to March without those Whom I sent were detained in Phil.^d 17 Days and were absent 25 Days so that it was not in my Power to have them March, sooner and now they march without Blankets. I have directed Captⁿ Spalding to Gen.^l Persons division & Capt Schott & Selling to Head Quarters, with respect to myself some time last Dec. I heard of the mode of

arrangement for the Army. and from that was confident that I was Deranged went to camp in J and Lost to settle my affairs and found I was arranged and found that the Relief for this Post had marched Knowing this would be confusion if I was absent. I pushed back as fast as Possible, while I was in Camp I Obtained Liar of Gen.^l Person for absance (sic) untill (sic) the Last of March or further Orders. Cap.ⁿ Spaulding will leave a few men behind him but I shall see that your Excellencys orders are strictly comply with. Capt Mitchel who now takes the Command at the Post is an Officer and A Gentelman (sic) I'm suer he will give Intier (sic) satisfaction to the Inhabitants and in the Man I needed by Congress he is Entierly (sic) Disinterested in the Dispute. I shall give him every assistance in my Power Respecting the County and Characters. I Read A Letter from the Bord of War Last Decr. Informing me that Schotts officer would become supernumerary the 1 Jan 1781 Capt Selin went to Philadelphia for clothing by whom I wrote to the board of war Desiring them to let him know what to Depend on and nither (sic) him nor me got any answer and the gentleman suppose it their Duty to March to HeadQuarter with their men nothing Respecting Ennemy (sic) at this Post since my last can only say I have the Honorary to be your Excellency, most obt Humbel

Serv Zebn Butler

Gen Washington

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10.32 Item 30b: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [Captain Spaulding](#), 1781 February 24 (removed to Box 12)

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter asks Captain Spaulding to move his forces to another place and how to treat civilians on the march.

Dates: 24 February 1781

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Military letter

Locations: Wyoming

People: [Captain Spaulding](#), [George Washington](#), [General Parsons](#)

General Condition: Poor. The paper is separated into two pieces due to a tear at a fold. The condition of the paper itself is relatively poor as it contains tattered edges, several tears and folds, as well as staining, ink fading, and general signs of age.

Measurements: 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ in. x 8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Sir

in Conjeuguemit (sic) at late and at from his Excellency G Washington you will march with the Independent Compy in the most convenient boat

Under your Command to the High Lands in the State of New York or where ever you can find Maj. Genl. Parson's Division you will wait on Genl Parsons Immediately on your arivel (sic) and take his orders for your further conduct

You will be very carefull on your march to keep your men in good order and Regulation you will se that they do not abuse the Inhabitants nither in parson or property all Commissaries and Q. Masters on your Rout are Desired to furnish you with Provisions Liquor Garrison & wishing you A good march and a safe arivel (sic)

Wyoming 24 Feb. 1781

I am sir your &

Z Butler Colo

Capt Spaulding

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10.33 Item 31: Letter from [John Durkee](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1781 March 25.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: It appears to be orders for the management of land, however, there is a missing chunk that makes the context incomplete.

Dates: March 25, 1781

Creator: [John Durkee](#)

Subjects: Military Orders

Locations: Highlands

People: [Zebulon Butler](#), [General Parsons](#), [Captain Spaulding](#), [Lieutenant Gore](#)

General Condition: Poor. The item is separated into four pieces of paper, as they have been torn at a fold in the paper. The paper itself contains some minot tattered edges, what seems to be some minor water damage, as well as browning of the paper, and some minor folding and staining.

Measurements: 12 ⅛ in. x 7 ⅝ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Highlands March 25th 1781

Dear Sir,

I wrote by Lieu't Gore, to have all the men belonging to Capt. Spauldings company, who have Famalys [sic], to be continued when they are, until further orders, I still request that they remain, You will be Judge who are fit subjects to Carry.

Sir desire you'd collect what money there is due for the rent of my lands, and dispose of them in further as you shall think most advantageous to my interest, and let my sister have such part of the produce as you shall think necessary for her support.

Gen Parsons has been absent from camp a number of days, but expect he will gain before long, expect you to be along as soon the riding will permit.

Dear sir, I am with the greatest respect Your most Obed. Serv.

J Durkee

Col. Butler

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10.34 Item 32: Letter from [John Crittenden](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1781 April 27.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Revolutionary War veteran and eventual Virginia House of Delegates member John Crittenden Sr. is addressed to Zebulon Butler, and is related to seventy thousand acres of land situated around a juncture between the Tennessee River and the Ohio River.

Dates: 27 April 1781

Creator: [John Crittenden](#)

Subjects: Land Acquisition

Locations: Fort Pitt, Ohio River

People: [Zebulon Butler](#), [General G.R. Clark](#)

General Condition: Poor. The paper contains severe staining which makes some words borderline illegible, fading ink, browning of the paper, as well as some very minor folds and tears. The paper also has an unobtrusive stain left by what seems to have once been a wax seal.

Measurements: 13 1/8 in. x 8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Fort Pitt Ohio River 27 April 1781

Dear Sir

Agreeable to the Requisition of the Gentleman aponates on the land scheme, on my departure from the northward I have with the utmost difference made the necessary Inquiry Related to the spot of ground on which you have so Judiciously fix'd on for your abose after the happy Period of this war without making the smallest [Illegible due to damage] meaning the mouth of the Tennessee River, But to my great mortification am this day Informed with greatest authenticity by General G. R. Clark that he has made an Entry of seventy thousand acres beginning at the junction of that River & the Ohio Running down for Quantity, a copy of which Entry have seen under the authority of the principal surveyor of the County wherein that land lies, Those of nations being unquestionable [sic] a second choice must necessarily be made.

The general who intends to make the aforementioned land his residence assures me that he is Doubly Interested in promoting so laudable a design therefore most sincerely wishes for an opportunity to manifest it by procuring a tract of country Equally dureable [sic] contagious thereto sufficient for the purpose, which will in the first instance Render his prentions far more Valuable, and what is much higher in his esteem the Enjoyment of that so scarcely amongst whom alone he has the smallest hopes of solid pleasure.

I have once urg'd it as my opinion that you ought to procure a sufficient quantity of Warrants for the treaty of the whole in which should now be happy to meet your approbation. I am to be found on the Kentucky [sic] within a small distance of west'd for abode in perfect Readiness to honour the Commands of you or any of you, Having Return'd myself a few days past a supernumerary affair for that alone purpose. As being on the spot and consequently not capable of hedging give me leave to tell you that this is the time in which our matters may be accomplish'd

I have the honor to be
with sincere respect
Your Devoted Serv
John Crittenden

J Chittondon
To Col Z Butler
27 April 1781

10.35 Item 33: Letter from [Noah Allen](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1783 February 4.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: A letter sent to Zebulon Butler which requests that a soldier named Ambrose Gaylord should be allowed to return home due to poor health and distress caused by the death of his brother. The person writing the letter is doing so on the account of Ambrose's parents, which the author states are "frantick with grief".

Dates: February 4th 1783

Creator: [Noah Allen](#)

Subjects: Military Correspondence

Locations: New Marlborough, MA

People: [Colonel Zebulon Butler](#), Mr. Justus, [Ambrose Gaylord](#), [Capt Ransom](#)

General Condition: Okay. Vinegar smell. The paper is lightly browning, contains lightly tattered edges, some fading ink, some minor folds, tears, and staining, and one rather large obtrusive tear which prevents the legibility of a few words.

Measurements: 13 ¼ in. x 8 ¼ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Dear Col

I have been Requested by gentleman of Mr. Justus gaylord acquaintance to Write to you. sir the letter acquaintance I have had With you Embolned [sic] me to write. I am very sensible that you have fealling [sic] of humanity as well as that of a soldier- the gentleman Request is That Ambros gaylord might have a Furlough and come Home as he is in a low state of health and not able to do service in camp- it may be the young man is under some Embrasment [sic] that soldiers in general are not. By Reason of his Desertion I am inform'd that he inlested [sic] for three years only and Capt Ransom Returned him for During war which would greatly aggravate the mind of any person, but I acknowledge the method he look to relieve himself was wrong and no ways justifiable in his deserting. But there seems to be someing [sic] that plead for him consediring [sic] the Awful misfortune of his brother death and the distracted circumstances of his parants [sic] almost frantik with greif [sic] although mr [Illegible due to damage] through a complicated distress of his mind has let fall some undesired words I think his distressed [sic] circumstances Plead for mercy that darling attribute of god, the supreme being take as much satisfaction in mercy as he dos in justice and should god mark our iniquities against us who could stand. I now plead for the the young man upon account of his Parants [sic] I no them well and they are good morral folks and he has been very zealous for liberty and his Relations has done much in the aragent war. Now if it may be consistant [sic] with the good of service for him to come home I shall be Exceeding happy and if not I submit the matter to your better judgement.

New Marlborough

Feb 4th 1783

Col Butler

Dear Col I am with Esteem your most obed servant

Noah Allen

[Back]

May'r Allen

4th Feb 1782

Col Zebulon Butler
On Camp

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10.36 Item 34: Letter from [William Judd](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1783 September 15.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: It seems to be about a military letter, concerning the movements of Pennsylvanians during the Yankee-Pennamite Wars and some political suggestions about it.

Dates: September 15 1783

Creator: [William Judd](#)

Subjects: A military letter

Locations: Farmington

People: [Zebulon Butler](#), Mr. Gere (Commander of the Upper Wilkes-Barre Company during the Battle of Wyoming), [Col Dyer](#), [Colo Root](#), [Colo Cox](#), [Judge Brearley](#), [Colo Stewart](#), [Samuel Wallis](#), Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, and Mrs. Butler

General Condition: Good. Some vinegar smell. No truly notable damage outside of some minor folds and minor browning of the paper.

Measurements: 12 ½ in. x 8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Farmington Sept 15th 1783

Sir,

The information needed by Mr Gere has round Col Dyer and Colo Root & by my particular attention to the Interest of the Susquehanna Company, & the settlers: they have forwarded to you a Letter Suggesting the necessity of a full and critical Inquiry of Colo Cox relation to our Papers in the Hands of the Pensylvania [sic] Agents The Interest Judge Brairley his brothers & near Their men had in the Land, in Dispatch. I need not say Our Honour as a state requires we should be particular in Our researches after Every thing that will have a Tendency & place us in a better Light with Our Neighbours — add to this our Interest calls upon us & Double Our Diligence for if their Oppurtunity [sic] is Shaped the state may never again attend to the Question—. I think Colo Stewart & Samuel Wallis might be played upon; they mortally hate Each Other; & by telling what on what the Other says sumthing [sic] of Importance may most probably be found, that will serve our Interest. Act must be made use off if any attempt is made upon them. Capt Spaulding can tell you the Disheveled Situation of the Country. The Situation of the Officers of the army & the Measures They have taken with is the state of New York, if we succeed shall be happy in your Company assistance & compliments to Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Butler & the Settlers in General [Illegible]

Sir your humble servant

Wm Judd

Colo Butler

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**10.37 Item 35: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [Colonels Dyer](#) and [Root](#), 1783
October 4.**

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: Zebulon Butler is writing about being arrested and being held prisoner. It seems that his arrest has to do with the Yankee-Pennamite War as he references “claimers of land under Pennsylvania”.

Dates: 4 October 1783

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Letter

Locations: Wyoming

People: [Col Dyer](#), [Col Root](#)

General Condition: Poor. Vinegar smell. The paper is extremely tattered and fragile due to severe staining, age, and tears/folds in the paper. The ink is fading in the spot that is stained, and there is a tear which prevents the full legibility of one word.

Measurements: 13 ⁷/₈ in. x 9 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 4th Oct 1783

Gentlemen

Yours of the 12th Sept I Rec^d yesterday I was a Prisoner pint to goals About 70 Miles when the Letter came I was taken on A writ for Treason against the state the Sheriff gave me A writing to Return or go where I chose only to come again to court Immediately on my Arrival at Home I was taken by an under Sheriff for the same thing and the Sheriff is now waiting to take me Away. The Matter respecting coxes Evidence & is Attended to and I Believe you will have them I shall be at the Assembly myself if Bail or any thing Use will Liberate me Excepting my Making [Illegible] escape which I will not do, the Inhabitants are in the most Distressed situation. Claimers of land under Pennsylvania Demanding & taking part of their Crops of Corn & the Inhabitants are almost Drove to Dispair [sic] god knows what will be the event the Bearer [sic] will be able to give you the particular the Sheriffs waiting to take me to goal.

I can only say I am Gentlemen your most Obd Humble

Serv Zeb Butler

Col Dyer & Root

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10.38 Item 36: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [J Antes](#), 1783 December 24.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Zebulon Butler is addressed to Revolutionary War veteran John Henry Antes, known for building and defending Fort Antes near the Susquehanna River, and is in relation to the mistreatment of the people situated in Wyoming, stating that some are in a “distressed situation” and are in need of relief.

Dates: 24 Dec 1783

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Political letter

Locations: Wyoming

People: [J Antes](#), [Daniel Gore](#)

General Condition: Good. Lightly tattered edges, some very minor folds, and a light browning of the paper present.

Measurements: 12 7/8 in. x 8 1/4 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 24 Dec 1783

Dear Sir

I adress [sic] you as A Magistrate of the county. Mr. Daniel Gore will waite [sic] on you with A number of complaints Respecting the treatment the people have hear, Sir after you Peruse them you will be abel [sic] to Direct him what way to proceed he with A Number of others are in A distressed situation and apply to you and others in office for Relief or Direction As the papers he will produce will be sufficient to Inform you of their Distress I need not add only that Mr. Gore may be Depended on and if he should want Bail for a Writt [sic] of Replcuin it will be safe for any man to give it.

I am sir with Esteem your most Odt Humble Servt

Zebulon Butler

J Antes Esq

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10.39 Item 37: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [Daniel Montgomery](#), 1784 January 6.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Zebulon Butler is addressed to Daniel Montgomery, who at this time was a Northumberland County Elected Censor, and is surrounding the poor health condition of Mrs. Butler, likely his wife, the housing of over twenty people in his house, as well as a bloody event which occurred between the Pennsylvania and Connecticut settlers, landing over one hundred Wyoming settlers in jail. The event in question may be the destruction of fort Wyoming, though it is unclear.

Dates: 6 Jan 1784

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Susquehanna Claim, Manuscript--Early works to 1800.

Locations: Wyoming

People: [Daniel Montgomery](#), [Colonel Denison](#)

General Condition: Good. Lightly tattered edges, some very minor folds, and browning of the paper present.

Measurements: 12 7/8 in. x 8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wyoming 6 Jan 1784

Dear sir,

By this you'll be informed that I saw your Letter to Co Denison I am much obliged to you for thinking of me I observe you say I have to him the Esq as an inmate without your approbation as to my approbation it was on no other terms only to save Life. Mrs. Butler was extremely sick and I had 20 soldiers 2 women & 2 children force into my House to Quarter Intreaties [sic] and tears would have no effect there she must Dye with their noise and tumult if I had not taken this step I was inform'd that the Esq had said that I could not have them moved on any other terms then to have him to come in on them terms I confer Ted and the soldiers went out and he moved in Mrs Butler soon recovered and is now well I am not of my guard about A Crokindill

I am sir with Esteem your most obd humbel [sic] servt
Zebulon Butler

Mr. D Montgomery

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Col Z Butler and I think over 100 of the settlers [sic] was taken with a fort at Wyoming and brought down to Sunbury Jail my Father and other bail'd them all out Col Butler was at our house two weeks and became an intimate friend of my Fathers. It appears my Father had wrote to him to because of certain men which the Col's kind feelings led him to be unsuspecting of him and his answer as within Aug 6 1833 William Montgomery

Col Butler

+ By the Pennemites

The contest between the Con settlers and the Pennsy troops can after bloody

Daniel Montgomery
Northumberland

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10.40 Item 38: Letter from Zarah Beach to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1785 September 21.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: In this letter written by Zarah Beach, it seems that she is telling Zebulon Butler to reject some settlers who are coming and instead accept her nephew and his company.

Dates: 21 Sept 1785

Creator: Zarah(?) Beach

Subjects: Susquehanna Claim, Manuscript--Early works to 1800.

Locations: Amenia, New York

People: [Zebulon Butler](#), John Coon (Possibly [John Coon](#)), Asher Waterman

General Condition: Good. Vinegar smell.

Measurements: 12 ½ in. x 7 ¾ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Amenia 21th Sept 1785

Dear Sir, I had the pleasure to see yours to Doct'r Harrietta this day: rejoice I have an opportunity to write to you once more-and that you are all in peace and have plenty of the Necessaries of Life. I don't think best for you to have much dependence on peoples coming from this quarter to take the half sharse believe

you had best to dispose of them as fast as possible-don't let any return into the hands of the Company-we are doing Every thing in our power in this quarter. This will be delivered you by John Coon, a Nephew of mine whose desire is to settle in the country-he has kept at school some- well he wish to be employed this Winter in that Business-any friendship you are pleased to show him will be acknowledged by me with many thanks. Doctor Asher Waterman will be Conn's Company-who has the Charictor [sic] of a gentleman-he will remain in your settlement or go to any part of Pennsylvania as a Practioner & keep up a correspondence [sic] & informe of Every movement of the Enemy that he can obtain the knowledge of.

My compliment to Mrs Butler. I am Dear sir with real Esteem your Humble
Servant Zarah(?) Beach

Col Butler

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10.41 39: Letter from [Jacob Stroud](#) to [Colonel Zebulon Butler](#), 1786 January 13.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Jacob Stroud, a leader of a Northampton Co. Pennsylvania Militia unit during the Revolutionary War, is about Zebulon Butler being summoned to court and recommending that he comes a few days before the trial, as he will get a jury trial.

Dates: January 13, 1786

Creator: [Jacob Stroud](#)

Subjects: Letter about court hearing

Locations: Fort Penn

People: [Colonel Zebulon Butler](#), Gumes(?) Grahams, Mr. Traill(?)

General Condition: Okay

Measurements: 7 1/8 in. x 6 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Fort Penn January the 13th 1786

Esteemed Friend

I Beg Leave to Inform you that James Grahams has Obtained a judgement last cort against you but Mr. Trail tells me it can be taken off if you come down a day or two before cort and can have it tryed [sic] by a jury if you desire it.- Mr. Traill told me he would rite me to you but when ther [sic] he has or not I I beg a line from you I hope you have seen the late law conserning [sic] the wyoming a fair I have none of them at present I heare [sic] there is a packet sent up to me but is not yet come to hand I am in last sir your Most

Humble Servt

Jacob Stroud

Coll. Zabulon Butler

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10.42 Item 40: Letter from [Jonathan Heart](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1787 July 21.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Jonathan Heart, a Major with the 2d United States Infantry, is an update to Zebulon Butler about a package that was sent, as well as a discussion of some politics that were involved with the Susquehanna Claim.

Dates: 21 July 1787

Creator: [Jon Heart](#)

Subjects: Susquehanna Claim, Manuscript--Early works to 1800.

Locations: French Creek

People: [Zebulon Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay. The paper is separated into two separate pieces, contains minor stains and tears, has some tattered edges, and is browning.

Measurements: 13 ½ in. x 8 ⅛ in. (longest); 13 ½ x 7 in. (shortest)

Transcript Attempt:

French Creek 21 July 1787

I have taken the freedom to send of a Small Package to your charge & will thank you to take the most speedy & juse conveyance possible. The Bearer Mr. Mead informs me the long Contests of Susquehanna Claimants is likely to be settled his business into this Country I conclude has been on that grounds, have requested him to call on you he will give better information where I am & the general Politics of this Country than I can do in the composs [sic] of a letter-as to the Affairs of the Eastern States I know nothing of them as I left Hartford in August 1785- have since that time been on the Ohio until last April when I came to this Place-- please make my Respects to such Gentlemen as I have the Honor to be acquainted with in your settlements & accept the asouses once that with obet Esteem

I am -

Your most [illegible due to damage]
humble servt

Jonathan Heart

Colonel Zebulon Butler

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10.43 Item 41: Letter from Enkeley to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1787 August 18.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Enkeley(?) updates Zebulon Butler on the status of a friend's missing child and his attempts to find the child. After all of his inquiries, the author believes the child died at the Battle of Wyoming.

Dates: August 18 1787

Creator: Gusruinus(?) Enkeley(?)

Subjects: Battle of Wyoming

Locations: Chatham, Connecticut River

People: [Zebulon Butler](#), Thomas Neill, Anthony Catfince(?), Ezra Stiles, Ezra Stiles Jr(?), [Obadiah Munston](#), Johnson Munister

General Condition: Okay. Some vinegar smell. The ink is almost completely faded, however the paper is in good condition, with no notable damage outside of some minor folds and browning.

Measurements: 12 ¾ in. x 7 ¾ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Gen Z Butler

Chatham on
Connecticut River
Aug 18 1787

Dear Sir

At last have the pleasure to inform you that I am released of the disagreeable [sic] situation I was in, in New York: in which many valuable characters [sic] by the turn of the times find themselves still: By the opportunity of M: Thomas Neill: cannot neglect to write a line of account of the Boy: taken by the Indians When in N York went by the name of Anthony:but Since on account of D Stiles, President of New Haven Yale College having taken particular notice and friendship towards the Orphan has honoured him with the name of Ezra Stiles the Doctor after a while thought that a M: Obadiah Munston: living in, I think Waterbury 20 Miles from New Haven. Who had lost, a son at Wyoming and I imenced [sic] and tuly delivered him up to the family, but Doctor Stiles Service, having given him less the trouble to Waite on the subject to the Rev M Johnson Minister at your place, is been informed by his reverence, that it is not the Child of M Munster, because that as far I am informed that missing child was killed: I must refer to M Neill correspondence with you: it pleases God shall be with Ezra your way in 3 or 4 weeks; and the attention Which you so generously have offered in search of the Boy in the intention of my coming Shall be most Gratefully accepted: by him.

Who has the honor to subscribe himself: With the Utmost Esteem

D Sir

Your M Obed

M Humble Serv

Gfuinous Enkelen (?)

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10.44 Item 42: Letter from [Sam Sackett](#) to [Zebulon Butler](#), 1787 August 27.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Revolutionary War veteran Sam Sackett asks Zebulon Butler to confirm that he received money dued to him.

Dates: 27 Aug or April 1787

Creator: [Sam Sackett](#)

Subjects: Finances

Locations: Fishkill, NY

People: [Colonel Butler](#), [Mr. John Jenkins](#), Ryan

General Condition: Good. Vinegar smell

Measurements: 8 in. x 6 ½ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Firkhill 17 Aug 1787

D sir,

If you have Rec^d the money due to me from Mr Jenkins & Ryan on their Notes which I put into your hand to obtain of them, would thank you to inform me by the first opportunity. If not be pleased to put them into the hand of your son, & desire him to take such measures as may Recover the same immediately

I am D Sir
You very humble servt
Sam Sackett

Col Butler

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10.45 Item 43: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [Colonel Denison](#), 1787 November 12.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Zebulon Butler is a response to Nathan Denison, a justice of Westmoreland, PA alongside Butler, about some changes in the government and regarding reimbursement for soldiers.

Dates: 12 November 1787

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Military Orders

Locations: Wilkes Barre

People: [Colonel Denison](#), Doctor Smith

General Condition: Good. Vinegar smell

Measurements: 13 in. x 7 7/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wilkes-Barre 12th Nov 1787

Dear sir

By this you'll be inform^d I have rec'd yours of the 27 of October last mentioning the commissioners & which I have Received and Delivered to the gentlemen you mention the Number & Rank of his Regiments which law has pointed out by the Drawing lottts [sic] of Battalions & Companies and of Courts Must suppose the counsel have no question to give themselves any troubel [sic] of Ranking them. you mention that the affair of the conduct of the peopel [sic] at this place on the Evening after Frankling was Taken was Laid before the Counsel. & and Refer me to Doctor Smith for Particulars. I applied to him and all that I have got from him yet is he Believes I am under Censheur (sic) I'll thank you to let me know what is true on that subject for I cannot serve in any office under Censheur (sic).

I have compleated [sic] the officering of one Battallion [sic] and now served the Return of them for their Commisions [sic] when they Receive them I shall think I have some through as I then shall have some under command.

I have sent Notifications up the River for the other Battallion [sic] to meet on the 22^d Ins^t for the Purpose of Chasing the field and compy officers which expect to be compleated [sic] before I return and as soon as possabel [sic] after that I shall make my Return to counsell.

I am Sir your Humbel [sic]

Serv Zeb. Butler

Col Denison

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10.46 Item 44: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to [Colonel Denison](#), 1788 July 28.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: In this letter, Zebulon Butler is writing to some county magistrates about a riot and trying to inform them that he was not involved.

Dates: 28 July 1788

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Riot

Locations: Wilkes-Barre

People: [Col Denison](#), [Col Pickering](#), Mrs. Pickering, Mr. Catling, [John Jenkins](#), Esq'r. Smith, [Col Schott](#)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 13 ¼ in. x 8 ¼ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Gentlemen

I have A Favour to ask of you and would urge it as far as is Consistant [sic] with decency that is that in the Examination of Evidences Relative to the Late Riot in Takeing [sic] and abusing Col Pickering you would be very strict in the Examination and Especially about myself the Reason for my Request are as follows.

1st that Mrs. Pickering told Mr. Catling (some days after Col Pickering was taken) that she was informed that the plan for taking him was for mid in my House and that John Jinkins was in my House sureted houses lowe days before Col. Pickering we, take

2nd that Esqr Smith told Col Denison that they did not Like to Examine the evidence too close for fear it would Teach characters. and was asked who he said Col Butler & Col Schott as Col Denison and Mr. Catling will likely be present at the Examination I need not add only would not wish to be present myself I could wish the examination Respecting me mite [sic] be publish if consistent but must submit it to your Wisdom and Arm

Getel your most Obt Most

Humble Servt Zeb Butler

Wilkes-Barre

28 July 1788

Huml Col Denison and the Rest of the Majestrates [sic] County Luzerne

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Honr'l. Nathan Denison Esq'r
And the rest of the Majestrates [sic]
County Luzern

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10.47 Item 45: Check from Thomas M. for [Zebulon Butler](#), 1789 March 18.

Type of Material: Check

Title: N.A

Description: This item is a payment of 23 pounds five shillings to Zebulon Butler for his service as a Lieutenant in Luzerne County

Dates: March 18th 1789

Creator: Thomas M-----

Subjects: Payment

Locations: Luzerne County, likely Wilkes-Barre; Philadelphia

People: [Zebulon Butler](#), [David Rittenhouse](#), W. Nicholson

General Condition: Okay

Measurements: 9 ¾ in. x 7 ⅞ in. (with backing); 8 ⅛ in. x 6 ¾ in. (without backing)

Transcript Attempt:

Spread Pound Dey H

For £ .23..0..

In council

Philadelphia, March 18th, 1789

Sir,

Pay to Zebulon Butler Esquire or Order, the Sum of Twenty three pounds five shillings amount of his account for his services as Lieutenant of the County of Luzerne according to the Comptroller General's Report

Tho M[illegible]

To David Rittenhouse, Esq.

Treasurer

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10.48 Item 46: Military Appointment by Thomas Finch for [Zebulon Butler](#), no date, prior to 1775

Type of Material: Military Appointment

Title: N/A

Description: This military appointment promotes Zebulon Butler to Captain of the Eighth regiment of Connecticut.

Dates: N/A

Creator: Thomas Fitch

Subjects: Military Appointment

Locations: New Haven

People: [Zebulon Butler](#), [Phineas Lyman](#)

General Condition: Okay. The bottom half of the paper is torn off and is not in our possession.

Measurements: 12 in. x 5 ⅞ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Thomas Fitch Esq;

Colony of Connecticut } Captain-General, and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's English
Colony of Connecticut, in New England, in America
To Zebulon Butler Esq'r Greeting,

By Virtue of the Power and Authority to me given, in and by the Royal Charter, to the Governor and Company of the said Colony, under the Great Seal of England. I do, by these presents, reposing especial [sic] Truth and confidence in your Loyalty, Courage, and good Conduct constitute and appoint you the said Zebulon Butler to be Captain of the Eighth Company, in a Regiment of Foot, raised within this Colony, to be employed for the better Security of His Majesty's Dominions in North-America, and particularly in the Possessions of his Conquest there, in such Manner as His Majesty's Commander in Chief shall judge most conducive to the King's Service : And to proceed therein under the Supreme Command of said Commander in Chief; of which Regiment Phineas Lyman Esq; is Colonel.

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the Duty of a Captain in leading, ordering, and exercising said Company, in Arms, both inferior Officers and Soldiers, in the Service aforesaid, and to keep them in good order and Discipline; hereby commanding them to obey you, as their Captain and yourself to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions, as you shall from Time to Time receive from Me, or the Command in Chief of Said Colony, for the Time being, or other your Superior Officers, according to the Rules and Discipline of War, pursuant to the Truth reposed in you.

GIVEN under my Hand and the public Seal of said Colony as Mr. Haven the

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10.49 Item 47: Letter from [Zebulon Butler](#) to Isaac Tracy, no date, prior to 1774.

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: In this letter, Zebulon Butler is writing about possibly moving Berlin township into his county so he could have more control over it.

Dates: N/A

Creator: [Zebulon Butler](#)

Subjects: Susquehanna Claim, Manuscript--Early works to 1800., Susquehanna Company

Locations: N/A

People: Isaac Tracy(?)

General Condition: Good. The paper is in relatively good condition outside of some minor tattered edges, very minor folds, some staining, and browning of the paper.

Measurements: 13 1/8 in. x 8 1/4 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Sir the Trust Reposed in me by the Proprietor of Berlin lays me under an obligation to attend to their [Illegible due to damage] as Berlin is out of our County I could not do anything. Now sir a wording to the Rules of the Susquehanna company if the Proprietors of any Town find that the Town they have laid out is not convenient or does not suit them that have a rite [sic] to move it to some other land in the purchase. Now sir if the Proprietor of Berlin would wish to move that Town into this county and will give me orders move it I will do it and get a new grant in the year 1774 or thereabouts I was ordered by the Susquehanna Company to cut a Rode from Wyoming on the East Branch to Mars on the West I cut about 20 miles and about 4 10 miles from Wyoming I came upon what I thought A Tract of Land set for a Township of 5

miles squair and I made a Pitch and survey but not run round it and it remains in that situation it has not be Taken up by any of our proprietors but I suppose that like all other land has been surveyed by Pennsylvanians.

I should have mov'd Barling on that place before this but did not know the mind of the Proprietors whether they would wish it or not as there must be the cost of surveying and lotting the Town out. What has started the proprietors perhaps you can best judge but the woods are full surveying Towns under the Susquehanna Titel [sic] and frequent application even as far as from Rode Island of of Proprietors for Liberty to survey.

Now sir if the Proprietors should conclude to proceed in this matter I suppose they would send on some suitable person to vew [sic] the land and judge wheather [sic] it is worth while to take it and if that should not Just he can take it up in any other place where it suits but that shall be refered [sic] until I hear from you which I'll thank you to attend to I suppose I could review considerable for my Fifth & discover but littel [sic] will do and you can have it but would wish an answer as soon as convenient

Zebulon Butler

Isaac Tracy Esq

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Copy of Letter to
Butler Proprietors

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Subseries II: Butler Family correspondence, 1779-1815

Subseries II: Butler Family correspondence, 1779-1815 is arranged chronologically and contains correspondence related to the family members of Zebulon Butler. The letters within this subseries were written after his death. It consists mainly of letters with the exception of a speech transcription as well as an autograph.

In this subseries we are able to see correspondence from and in reference to individuals such as [John Jay](#), [Phebe Butler](#), [Chester Butler](#), M. Pageot, Lydia Sigourney, [Stoddart Judd](#), [Benjamin A. Bidlack](#), [David Petrikin](#), [Francis R. Shunk](#), [Sarah Butler](#), and Harrison Wright.

Most of the events covered within this subseries are inconsequential as they mostly relate to family matters such as vacations, however there are some interesting events covered such as a speech given by State Representative John Jay on financial compensation for the family of Zebulon Butler, as well as references to the Wyoming Massacre.

10.50 Item 48: Speech from [John Jay](#) to Butler Family, no date. (removed to Oversized Box #1)

Type of Material: Speech

Title: N/A

Description: This speech is about a petition for Zebulon Butler's family to be paid the wages due to him from the Revolutionary War.

Dates: After July 28, 1795

Creator: [John Jay](#)

Subjects: Congressional petition

Locations: N/A

People: Zebulon Butler, [Phebe Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay.

Measurements: 9 ⁵/₈ in. x 7 ⁷/₈ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Commit. Dated March 17. 1779 to be a colonel from this 13th March 1778

John Jay	}	
John Jay	}	Died July 28th 1795 aged 64 years

He did not receive the whole of his pay
Did not recu his commentations.

To the Honorable the Senate & House of Representatives of the U. S. of America in Congress Assembled, The petition of Phebe Butler widow of Col. Zebu Butler of Luzerne County in the State of Penna. dec.^d in behalf of herself and the heirs of said Zebu Butler, respectfully shows That your Petitioners said husband, was an Officer of the Revolution, and served as such through the whole of the war, in the Connecticut line of the Continental Army- and that he was commissioned by the Continental Congress to be a "Colonel of the second Connecticut Regiment in the Army of the U.S. to take rank as such from the 13th day of March 1778- that having served till the close of the war he was regularly discharged.- Your Petitioner further represents, that said Col. Butler continued to reside at Wyoming till his death which happened in the 28th day of July 1795, and that he left a widow your petitioner and six children-three of whom were then in their minority.

Your Petitioner further states that Col. Butler at the time of his death had not received his pay in full for his services, nor had he recd any part of his commutation pay, The claim therefore which she makes for herself and the heirs of Col. Butler is for the amt. that army be found due him as well for pay during the time of his service as for the commutation allowed by the resolution of 1783

That there is something due from the government your Petitioner has now doubt. She knows full well that Col. Butler lived in a great measure upon his own resources during the war, and afterwards down to the time of his death. The destitute situation in which she was apt with her family, and the privations which she and they endured, were proof too strong to be forgotten that those resources were nearly exhausted. Your petitioner remembers to have heard Col. Butler speak of never having recd something due from the government his pay from government, and although some inquiry has been made from time to time in references to the subject, yet nothing satisfactory has ever w----- from then until recent examinations now shown that the claim now advanced well founded.

Petition

Authorizing her to receive for herself & the heirs of Col. Zebu Butler the arrays of pay & communication pay with interes which may due due him for services recorded during the Revolution.

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10.51 Item 49: Autograph from Minister Plenipotentiary M. Pageot to [Chester Butler](#), no date. (removed to Box 9)

Type of Material: Autograph

Title: N/A

Description: Autograph from M. Pageot to Zebulon Butler's grandson, Chester Pierce Butler.

Dates: N/A

Creator: M. Pageot (A French Minister situated in Washington)

Subjects: Historical diplomatic autograph.

Locations: N/A

People: [Chester Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay.

Measurements: 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ in. x 2 in.

Transcript Attempt:

For Mr. Chester Butler

M. Pageot.
Ministre Plénipotentiaire de France.

[Translation Attempt:]

M. Pageot.
Minister of Plenipotentiary of France

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10.52 Item 50: Letter from L. H. Sigourney to Mr. Butler, May 25. (removed to Box 9)

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: The letter from Lydia Sigourney is about a petition from a member of the Butler family about the Wyoming Valley. It is not clear who the Butler is.

Dates: May 25

Creator: L. H. Sigourney

Subjects: Personal letter

Locations: N/A

People: Butler, Mr. Boswell

General Condition: Okay.

Measurements: 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. x 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Tuesday, May, 25th

My dear Mr. Butler,

I was exceedingly sorry and disturbed, to have missed of your call, and that of Mr. Boswell, this morning. The state of the house, being entirely torn up, by carpenters and painters, has prevented us from receiving calls, for the last two days but when I discovered who had called, I felt that I could find a note for you to sit down, -- & withstanding the fresh paint, and sent a servant to run after you, -but she failed to overtake you. I write now, to request that you, & Mr. Boswell & the friends who are joined with you in the delegation from Wyoming with do me the favour to take tea with me on Thursday at half past six. I wish much to hear what progress your application to our legislature is making, in which I feel quite an interest, and also to be informed of the welfare of the many friends in your beautifully valley whom I remember with much regard.

Have the goodness to reply, as soon as you receive this, -and believe me yours, very respectfully.

L. H. Sigourney

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10.53 Item 51: Letter from Stewart to [Chester Butler](#), 1826 July. (removed to Box 9)

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter is about Stewart's stay in Europe and his plans to return to the United States.

Dates: July 1826

Creator: Stewart

Subjects: Personal letter

Locations: The Richmond at Sea

People: [Chester Butler](#)

General Condition: Good. The only notable damage is a small section of paper missing on a margin of the letter which contained no text, and a very minor stain on its back. The letter still contains its original wax seal which contains some minor cracks.

Measurements: 9 1/8 in. x 7 3/8 in. (closed); 14 3/4 in. x 9 1/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

The Richmond at Sea

July 1826

My dear Butler,

In the course of a very few days I hope again to tread the American Shores: you were among the last of those I most love who witnessed my departure, & you shall be one of the first to be informed of my arrival. The postmark of this letter, should it ever reach you, will give you the date of our landing at New York. Should that happiness be ours. We are on board a small [sic] ship, & unless peculiarly unfortunate shall finish our voyage by the 25th or 30th.

I do not recollect the date of my last letter to you, but am inclined to think it was before our departure from the Islands became certain. Of that departure, its cause & circumstances, however, it is most probable you have by some means been fully informed- as well as of our safe arrival in England in the beginning of April. Mrs. Stewart was still very ill when we landed from the Town but improved rapidly from the time of our going on shore at Gravesend: & when we left London, three weeks since, was quite a different creature & has now the prospect of enjoying again comfortable, if not, confirmed health.

It is a blessing we little expected a year since. Indeed every dispensation has been most kind-and we return to our country & our friends overshadowed by the goodness & mercy of God.

You can have but an imperfect impression of the state feeling with which we anticipate an approach to our favorite city of the abodes of some of our nearest relatives. The latest intelligence from any part of our family is of two years date- of course there is wide room for anxiety. I cannot but show back at times, in thought of the number & names of those who may be formed wanting in the circles in which share known much of my carefully [sic] happiness. I shall not be suspended if the joy of our return should on this account be mingled with much sorrow.

The three months resident in England was very delightful We received much kind attention & made some warm & charming friends. Mrs. Stewarts health obliged me to be confined much to the vicinity of London, but I made some highly gratifying excursions. Two were particularly delightful-one to Windsor & its vicinity & another to Cambridge. I wished exceedingly to visit Ireland Wales & Scotland, & had a most favorable opportunity of going to France for a week, but could not -ear the family a sufficient length of time in succession. I saw nothing, however, that made one decision of exchanging the name of an American for that of a Briton or of [Illegible] my home on the Eastern side of the Atlantic.

I once thought, my beloved B, that I was giving you any last embrace in this world but I now hope, before many months at farthest, again to give the grasp of that hand which more than ten years ago was pledged to you in a friendship which in my heart has never been surpassed by any other in faithfulness & undiminished warmth. I can scarce say what my arrangements after reaching America will be. My plan at present is to go to Boston after spending a week in New York- consult the wishes of the Board as to my immediate employment for their interest- return to New York- visit Jersey for a week, & then move northward- say about the first of September to [illegible] where it is probably Mr. J & the children will pass the winter. My present determination is to see you at least as early as October- even should I not be happy enough to meet you out of the boundaries of Wyoming before that time. Write at least a line immediately to the care of A. L. Stewart Hudson Square- My next will fully inform you of my managements for the winter. When you read this- perhaps you will say share Cort some of my enthusiasm of character-general on, I mean- but wait till we meet & you will know that I am still the unchanged the warm the devoted boy you knew me in 1815.

I need not request to be affectionately remembered to your mother sisters & brothers & to all who remember me in your valley let greaves, some & & Could I meet you all I wish you to be my heart would be satisfied. I could draw a fortune of our meeting & of some miles course in one point that would make one beside myself with joy.

Yours as ever
Stewart.

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10.54 Item 52: Letter from [Stoddard Judd](#) to [Chester Butler](#), 1828 January 20 (removed to Box 9)

Type of Material: Letter/Correspondence

Title: Letter from Stoddard Judd to Chester Butter

Description: A letter sent from politician Stottard Judd to Chester Butler discussing the massacre of Wyoming residents, likely the Wyoming Massacre of 1778.

Dates: January 20 1828

Creator: [Stoddard Judd](#)

Subjects: Wyoming Massacre, Wyoming Letters, Militia, American Revolution, Memorial

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

People: [Stoddard Judd](#), [Chester Butter](#), [Benjamin A. Bidlack](#)

General Condition: Good. A small section which contained no text appears to have been torn off when originally opening the letter's wax seal.

Measurements: 7 13/16 in. x 9 3/4 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Page 1:

Clorr Dutchess County New York Jany 20. 1828-

Hon. Chester Butter, Benj.A. Bidlack + others a committee of and in behalf of the Wyoming sufferers

Mijors-

My attention has been called to the proceedings of a meeting of the Wyoming sufferers held at Wilkesbarre Nov. 7. 1827 - as published in the Republican Farmer of Nov. 15- by a Mrs. Nopull of this plan, at whose request I write this letter-

The maiden name of this woman was Catherine Matherson: The father's name was Constant Matherson one of the Wyoming letters, and enlisted early in the regular service and was filled at mud fort Nov 1777 - at which time, who his only child was an infant some four month old, with his mother in the sentiment - They afterwards made this escape the day before the massacre in 1778- and found their way to this county, after having suffered wrry [sic] thing but death; and here her mother did some years ago, + the remains still among the

Page 2:

living; mother she nor her mother, are returned to Wyoming, nor did they are obtain any just of this property, or formation, of which, they were as she was informed by her mother, proposal of at the time to a considerable amount -

She is now the wife of harman ropid and the mother of a large family of children - They are in lore circumstances, lu being worth perhaps \$1000 in all - he is upwards of 70 years old and she 60-

After reading the memorial + proceedings of your meeting I do not know that any thing is to be, or ought to be done by her to further the fight of your memorial to congress- I have however written a letter to the Hou. O. Litus member of Congress from this district requesting his attention to the subject -

If any thing is required of me and you will please to mediate [sic] it to me, it shall be allinans to me the most prompt outcome

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your aroure to this letter will be looked for with much anxiety by this woman - direct your letter to me at this office-

Sam your most obedient and humble servant-

Stoddard Judd

Page 4:

Feu S. Suad } Hon. Chester Butter Esq
P.M.Carr } and Benj'n Bidlack
Jan 20. } Wilkesbarre
Pennsylvania

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10.55 Item 53: Letter from [D. Petrikin](#) to [Chester Butler](#), 1837 December 22

(removed to Box 9)

Type of Material: Letter/Correspondence

Title: N/A

Description: A letter sent from Pennsylvania Representative D. Petrikin to Chester Butler in regards to a previous letter which proposed a memorial for the Wyoming Massacre.

Dates: December 22nd 1837

Creator: D. Petrikin

Subjects: Letters, Correspondence, Wyoming Massacre

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

People: D. Petrinkin, [Chester Butler](#)

General Condition: Good, no issues.

Measurements: 8 1/8 in. x 10 1/16 in.

Transcription Attempt:

Page 1:

Washington City
Messer Chester Butler 22nd Dec. 1837
Chs Miner
B A Brideck
CD Shoemaker
MS Ross +
Lazarus Dusier [illegible]

Yours of the 15th instant enclosing the memorial in behalf of the Wyoming Suffer I have recd today and shall have it presented kasted upon the earliest opportunity - as a matter of duty I shall move to have it printed when committed and that notion is not respond in ordinary cans unconnected with some very exciting its a majority of the book unpleasant subject but as abolition.

You may rest assured that I will give ale the and in my power to connumerate the wishes of the petitioners accept gentlemen indicideally + collectively sentiments of [illegible] + esteem

D Petrikin

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Page 3:

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Page 4:

D Petrinkin MC
Free

Chester Butler Esq
Chairman of Wyoming [illegible]
Wilkes Barre
Luzerne Coy
Pa

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**10.56 Item 54a: Letter from [Chester Butler](#) to R. [Francis R. Shunk](#), 1839
February 18. (removed to Box 9)**

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter sent by Chester Butler is in response to another letter sent by Francis R. Shunk, the tenth governor of Pennsylvania. The letter surveys a number of school districts, the number of students, and the number of students they are currently accepting.

Dates: February 18, 1839.

Creator: R. Strunk

Subjects: Political letter

Locations: N/A

People: [Chester Butler](#)

General Condition: Okay.

Measurements: 9 ¾ in. x 7 ¾ in. (closed); 15 ½ in. x 9 ¾ in. (open)

Transcript Attempt:

Chester Butler Esqr

Sir,

In answer to your note requesting me to inform you How many school districts there are in the State and how many are accepting and how many non accepting. I have the honor to state.

1. The whole number of districts in the state --- 1033
2. The state appropriation has been this year paid to 824

But it appears that about 44 districts have not yet re ^d their appropriation, and it is presence are entitled	44	
Muheny as near as can be as culaned at present 878 accepting districts		868
Non accepting districts		165
Whole number of districts		1033

The above statement in Substantially Correct

I am yours truly
Francis R. Shunk
Surveyor office Feb. 18 1839

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10.57 Item 54b: Letter from [Chester Butler](#) to [Francis R. Shunk](#), 1840 April

27. (removed to Box 9)

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter sent by Chester Butler is in response for a copy of an act about the navigation of the Lehigh River.

Dates: April 27, 1840.

Creator: Chester Butler Sr.

Subjects: Political letter

Locations: Harrisburg

People: Francis R. Shunk, M. Hollenback

General Condition: Good. No damage present outside of some very minor folds asn browning of the paper.

Measurements: 10 in. x 7 ¾ in. (closed); 15 ½ in. x 10 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Harrisburg April 27. 1840.

Chester Butler Sr.

Dear sir

In compliance with your request I inclose the copy of the act to improve the navigation of the River Lehigh.

These fine days are renewing the face of nature and when you return we shall present so much of beauty & variety all around the hall of legislation that legislative breathing the sweet influencing, will be more like angels than men.

Present me Renaly to the Judge & M Hollenback

Yours ---

Francis R. Shunk

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10.58 Item 55: Letter from Harrison Wright to [Sarah H. Butler](#), 1844 March 29

Type of Material: Letter/Correspondence

Title: Letter from Harrison Wright to Sarah H. Butler

Description: A letter from Harrison Wright to Sarah H. Butler which is in relation to patriotism.

Dates: March 29th 1844

Creator: Harrison Wright

Subjects: Patriotism

Locations: Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

People: Harrison Wright, [Sarah H. Butler](#), [Chester Butler](#)

General Condition: Good, no issues.

Measurements: 7 ⁷/₈ in. x 9 ⁷/₈ in.

Transcription Attempt:

Page 1:

I have no doubt that the multiple city of you care and trouble have entirely drawn you atutuin from the subject of the celebrations next 3rd July. I hope it was is any patriotism and may give patriotic ladies you will not at the chance go by at showing your patriotism to your most patriotic countrymen + countrywoman I have told [every] body, and every body believes that no. 2 is coming here to immotabize [sic] your "stine hope" by his eloquence, and so every body is coming - and unless you move in is every body I have told - every body who believes and every body who cares - must be his appointed - and then the consequence with the deal every boey will be mad and every boey with "cups" "the monumental association" for mark you I have told every body that you were going to invite him - so that the concentrated math of every body. light not on my heads out on yours - you get scotched - I escape -"choose you" I have mam you a modest request to my friend Charley - who can invite the odd gentlemen in better phrase than any man I wot of - and it will mam his head. with a fake flem to seue you - Now if you must do it my worst wish is that some "Tory" will come up your monument totally -

Page 2:

I would like to see this valley full of people just once. and I Ruin asnose feasible away of doing in - Dont let the project die of condition but if it must die - let it be of some respectable complaints

Yours very truly

Harrison Wright

March 29. 1844

Mrs Sarah H. Butler

Prest of M.M.A

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Mr Chester Butler
Wilkes Barre
Luz County -
Pa

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10.59 Item 56: Letter from [Francis R. Shunk](#) to J.H. Butler, 1846 March 17.

Type of Material: Letter/Correspondence

Title:

Description: A letter from Pennsylvania Governor Francis R. Shunk to Mrs. J.H. Butler responding to an invitation. Shunk also writes of news surrounding his daughter Elizabeth and her friend Rebeckah W. Kibbin, who cannot visit the Lehigh Valley this Spring.

Dates: March 17 1846

Creator: [Francis R. Shunk](#)

Subjects: Political Correspondence

Locations: Harrisburg, PA

People: Francis R. Shunk; Mrs. J.H. Butler; Mr. & Mrs. Hollenback

General Condition: Good, no issues.

Measurements: 8 in. x 10 1/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Front Page:

Heanisberg March 17 1846

Mrs J.H. Butler

My dear Madam,

Your friendly letter and your cordial invitation to the girls, have been read and reread and highly appreciated by us all. If I were not on this St Patricks day, like your valley chilled, not by the storms of winter, but by the nagings of business I might, as I ought to, say some pretty things, for your letter is "after my own heart!" But how can you look for a tender thought, a glowing image or a gentle aspiration to arise, where every generous sentiment is buried deep under the consideration of all Sout of lunny, applications for office and impertunity [sic] forpardon. Had your letter arrived after the adjournment of the legislation, I might have been able feelingly to respond, as it is I must make a sort of Susenys answer. Our daughter Elizabeth and our dear friend Rebeckah Wkibbin fear they cannot visit the valley this spring. For myself I am in favor of their going. All I regret is that you did not ask me to come along.

You say you do not ask for office, I hush you will have the goodness to present the inclosed to my friend your brother Cob. Geo. M. Hollenback and ask him to oblige me by accepting it as a testimony of any respect for him.

Here come more bills and applications! Pardon me for breaking off abruptly. The girls, mother and all of us join in hearty thanks for your kindness and in complements to you and your whole family. Present me cordially to M. + Mrs. Hollenback

Very respectfully your friend,
Lers R. Stuenke.

Back Page:

Francis R. Stuenk
to
Mrs J.H. Butler
March 17 - 1846.

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Subseries III: John Butler and Family Correspondence, 1781, 1854

Subseries III: John Butler and Family Correspondence, 1781, 1854 is arranged chronologically and contains correspondence related to Loyalist John Butler and his family. It includes two letters, one which references John, and one which is likely written by a family member of his.

Throughout this subseries we are able to see correspondence from and in reference to [John Butler \(Loyalist\)](#), [Captain Joseph Brant](#), [Daniel Cole](#), [Sir John Johnson](#), a member of the Durkee family, as well as D.H. Butler.

Some examples of the scenes and events depicted or referenced within this subseries include Revolutionary War military orders as well as a vacation taken by D.H. Butler.

10.60 Item 57: Letter from [Captain Caldwell](#) to [Cap't Brant](#), 1781 April 17 (removed to Legal Box #1)

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Captain Calville to the Mohawk Indian chief Joseph Brant serves to issue him orders from a Col. Butler, which must be in reference to Loyalist John Butler, as every other person referenced is a Loyalist.

Dates: April 17, 1781

Creator: [Capt Caldwell](#)

Subjects: Military Orders

Locations: Tioga

People: [John Butler](#), [Capt Brant](#), [Daniel Cole](#), [Sir John](#)

General Condition: Good. The paper contains some tattered edges, minor browning of the paper, some minor stains, and some minor folds.

Measurements: 13 ¼ in. x 8 ¼ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Tioga April 17th 1781

Sir To communicate to you Col. Butler's orders that you will endeavor [sic] to bring off battle after taking a prisoner we expect the Cannon at the Cook House in five days from this day. the cannoes [sic] are Finish'd. Three Hundred — and one of Sir John's men arrived Last evening at this place — I will find a party to meet you at Lackawack or Shoholy Please to find a few lines be the bearer [sic] Please to leave Daniel Cole and three more to watch their motion from your Friend.

Capt Calvile

The above is A True ccopy [sic] taken out of a ccopy [sic] of a letter directed to Brant Stiled Capt Brant Chief of the Sixt Nation Proven Before Esq Westbrook.

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Ccopy [sic] of a Letter
From Cap't Colwell
To Cap't Brant
April 17th 1781

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10.61 Item 58: Letter from D.H. Butler to Durkee, 1854 June 7

Type of Material: Letter/Correspondence

Title: N/A

Description: A letter from D.H. Butler to "Durkee" which describes a vacation of sorts to Lexington and Toronto. It seems to be written to a friend or family member.

Dates: June 7th 1854

Creator: D.H. Butler

Subjects: Traveling, Vacation, Canada, Correspondence

Locations: Toronto, Ontario, Niagara, Canada; Lewiston

People: D.H. Butler,

General Condition: Good, no issues.

Measurements: 8 5/16 in. x 6 5/8 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Toronto June 7th 1854

Dear Durkee.-

Here we are at Toronto after a tumble about said or rasher a stance sing on. the broad beautiful Ontario. - We left Niagara at ½ past 2 o'clock yesterday and went down to Lewiston- and at 4 ½ o'clock we found aiuselue on bound Her Masjety's beautiful little steamer the Peealef - bound for this place - we all enjoyed it round saving and excepting we here the Sting Ayan to tumble about rather nicely as we got more into the middle of the lake - and there some of us began to grow a little pale and dizzy - and said down upon the sofa's for our house -after which we rose to see the sun going down behind a bank of the most glorious clouds you ever beheld (please excuse my scratching on so fast but we are

going to rides - and at 2 o'clock to take the steamer for Mouthead) We matched here about 74 o'clocks- and such a scramble for bay gape and such a babel of tongues wasiferating carriage gentlemen + cade ladies be you never ever imagined north less untrifsd, - I thought our cities "in the states". was as unbearable as possible - but the hack and cabman there - are babies in the tade - but she does so wish that auguster was here - and could su all that surprises her so much, - and I do so wish that Uncle + Aunt Sally will wish, Mr - He always sees things with such plain sensible eyes - and is such a good pioneer - that I had always a little rather travel with hiur these any our else - and I do so miss now - having travelled with hiers so lately: - I must enter into particular at this time - the time is too short that I have for exciting - lest if we all live to get house safe - we shall have must to tell you of all that we are doing - We, that is George Eve E J - were too short a times at the Gales - and met not see as much as if Uncle had even will ms - but E J G - are down and enjo again.

At Niagara -(the Newark of the last wae we saw the first lights of hiking in Her Majesty's dominions - On the port of the Custom House were the letters C-K. surmounted by the funniest looking thing you ever imagine - entered for a crown - And here it looks to strange you read "Telegraph to Montreal - Royal Mail de" - The hotels - if this is a specimen are as unlike as overs - as you can convince - just about on a par with those of Pittston - and that is is a fair specimen - I have no doubt for it is just like the one we ever divided to - we here they could not take us in on account of the soges of our party - we by an to think we should get no place to stay - George and Will hunted this one up - and it is called the American - which means for us "of the States" - Here we could have but three rooms - so we ladies had to bundle in - six of us into our room - Will say, George was muttering all night - and G - say, he was dreaming all night of neveting up lodgings and that E and J tumbled over the Galls.

Give our love to all at house - and pray by to upon the work next door! - You can't imagine how strange it looked to b e out of right of lands - and their even as you will see by the map - we were only hoping the upper part of the Lakes.- Today we shall take it down to the st Law unie- We have just returned from a delightful ride - My impressions of Toronto have very much improved - I shall have much to tell you. - Pen sends love and say, Hae must read this awful scratch - but I can't help it - It is our dinner hour - and we go to the boat mine deale after - God bless you all - Card may we all soon meet safe at House.

I have wished for you now today than every time before - and for Uncle too - Love to all.-

Ever yours

D.H. Butler

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Subseries IV: Lord Butler correspondence, 1779-1813

Subseries IV: Lord Butler correspondence, 1779-1813, is arranged chronologically and contains a receipt as well as some correspondence written by and to [Lord Butler](#) (1761-1824), Colonel Zebulon Butler's son. Lord Butler was one of the most respected and prominent men in Wilkes-Barre during the late 18th to early 19th centuries. He was the first sheriff of Luzerne County as well as brigadier general of Pennsylvania militia. He was a member of the Supreme Executive Council, prothonotary, clerk of the Orphans Court and Court of Quarter sessions; Register of Wills and Recorder of Deeds. He was the first postmaster of Wilkes-Barre, resigning in 1802 to take his seat in the State Legislature. He was a member as well as president of the first town council of the borough of Wilkes-Barre, treasurer of Luzerne County and county commissioner. He was one of the incorporators of Wilkes-Barre academy and a trustee from 1806 to 1824. Lord Butler's first name comes from his mother's maiden name, Anne Lord. Lord Butler

and his wife Mary had ten children. One of his son's, Chester Pierce Butler, was elected to the United States Congress and served with Abraham Lincoln as a Whig party member. His daughter, Ruth Ann Butler, married Luzerne County Judge John Nesbitt Conyngham. Lord Butler died at age 63 in 1824. His house is still standing on South River Street in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The correspondence in this collection concerns various bits of the life of Lord and his father. Some of the topics that it covers include trips/vacations, some political and financial information concerning Wilkes Barre, and even some input on the college life of Lord. Some examples of the figures found within the subseries are Laurana Reyme, Abram Pike, Bartholomew Lonstretch, [Ebenezer Bowman](#), [John Franklin](#), [Colonel Pickering](#), John M. Taylor, and Thomas Cooper.

10.62. Item 59: Receipt for Lord Butler, 1779 September (removed to Legal Box #1)

Type of Material: Receipt

Title: A Account of Sunories Purchas'd for the use of the United States by Lord Butler afs't 2 M. in the Month of September 1779.

Description: A record of payment transactions that Zebulon Butler made, mostly for various trips. There are also math equations that seem to be written on this, similar to a modern person doing the same on scrap paper.

Dates: September 1779

Creator: Lord Butler

Subjects: Some of the transactions made by Lord Butler.

Locations: Likely Wilkes Barre

People: Laurana Reyme, Abram Pike, Bartholomew Lonstretch

General Condition: Okay. Little to no vinegar smell.

Measurements: 12 ¼ in. x 7 ¾ in.

Transcript Attempt:

A Account of Sunories Purchas'd for the use of the United States by Lord Butler afs't Z M. in the Month of September 1779.

Date Sep'r	Vouchers	From whom purchased	Place of Abode	What Prog belong to	£	S	D
6	1	Laurana Reyme	Pennsylvania	for the use of his horses for express	6	3	~
18	2	Abram Pike	Connecticut	one express from Wyoming to Tioga	16	17	6
21	3	Bartholome w Lonstretch	Pennsylvania	four Days work as an Artificer	6	15	~
					£ 34	17	6

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Z M Purchases For the Month of September 1779

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Sept 1779

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**10.63. Item 60: Letter from [Lord Butler](#) to [Ebenezer Bowman](#), 1793 March 7
(removed to Legal Box #1)**

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: Butler writes to Ebenezer Bowman about some jury appointments. He then discusses taxes and finally a horse that was taken to Bethlehem, PA. On the back of the letter is a handwriting in pencil that says the following: "Found today (July 25 87) among other old papers. Rather Empractical. You will probably decipher it allusient better than your friend C.J.A.C."

Dates: March 7, 1793

Creator: [Lord Butler](#) (part)

Subjects: Political letter.

Locations: Wilkes-Barre

People: [Ebenezer Bowman](#), Mr. Oghmis, Peirce, J. Smith, A Catlin, [John Franklin](#), [Colonel Pickering](#)

General Condition: Okay.

Measurements: 11 ¾ in. x 9 in.

Transcript Attempt:

Lord Butler March 7th 1793

Found to day (Feb 25 87) away other old papers Rather enigmatical you will probably decipher its allusions better than

Your friend

C J A C

Ebenezer Bowman Esquire

Philadelphia

{Letter}

Wilkesbarre March 7th 1793

Sir

I rec^d yours this day by Mr. Oghmis, with the list of Jurors, some of which I do not approve of. if it possible to have them changed I should think it best. I am very much pleased to see your attention to their Business & hope you may have your reward you mentioned in yours respecting many we are taking

states to collect as soon as possible- since I come home we have had a oncting of the county Convention or Committee- we have agreed to raise two hundred & thirty six pounds in addition to the former tax. There is of the former tax in the Treasury £ 12..3..9. also £ 64..10..9 in collected and is now Collecting this when collected in addition to the new tax amounts to £ 312.14.6 some of which probably never will be collected but out of the whole we presume enough will be collected to answer the purpose, as to your horse- when I came home your Brother called on me and asked when you were coming home I told him soon and that you wanted your horse sent to Bethlehem and desired him if he knew of an opportunity to let me know. I was over to Esq Peirce yesterday and found that your Brother had sent and took your horse for the purpose of sending him to Bethlehem but by whom I can't inform you for I have not seen your brother since, I have desired the Bearer of this (Ja' Smith) to inquire on the road and give you Information where you may find the horse- your friends in this quarter are well, and in last. I am sir your friend & well wisher

Lord Butler

E Bowman Esq

N.B. the Committee at this meeting appointed A Catlin & John Franklin as agents to attend the trial in April in Philadelphia and in addition they appointed Colonel Pickering if he is pleased to render them my services in that way.

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**10.64. Item 61: Letter from [Lord Butler](#) to Q M Taylor, 1804 January 12
(removed to Legal Box #1)**

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This is concerning a letter written from Lord Butler to Q.M. Taylor about county records and what happened to said records.

Dates: Jan 12 1804

Creator: Lord Butler

Subjects: Political letter

Locations: Wilkes-Barre

People: Q(?) M Taylor

General Condition: Okay. Slight vinegar smell.

Measurements: 13 ¼ in. x 7 ¾ in.

Transcript Attempt:

Wilkesbarre Jan 12th 1804

Sir

I have taken into consideration your request for me to consent that you remove from the County the Records commonly called the Westmoreland Records.

As these Records come into my hands by a vote of the Inhabitants of the County I thought proper not to determine as you request untill I am settled some of the principle men on the subject which I have done, some of them are men in whom, you put the greatest confidence, and they uniformly say these Records must not be taken out of the county, that they have no Objection against copies being taken, and if it was Necessary would [Illegible due to damage] to pay a clerk to Transcribe them.

Under these Circumstances I shall refuse to comply with your request and trust that this refusal will not be construed into a disposition on my front to Thwart the proceedings of the Commissioners because I believe it will be acknowledge that I have at all times furnished every information and Docketman with any power to facilitate the Business of your Commissioner I must confess that I do not discover the Necessity of your taking with you these records, whom you have extracts from them I suppose sufficiently descriptive of every essential hart of the Deed and as much so as the Extracts furnished from the Records office where such Extracts from the Records were necessarily furnished therefore if these units a necessity for the Original in the former Case I apprehend the same necessity exists for further there are many transactions there recorded that have no connection with the Deeds therefore have no connection with you commission but which may not be called in question amongst the Respectable on same Occasions.

I am respectfully
Your Obed Ser LB

Q M Taylor Esq

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10.65. Item 62: Letter from [Lord Butler](#) to Thomas Cooper, 1804 January 19 (removed to Legal Box #1)

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: This letter written by Lord Butler to Thomas Cooper concerns the location of some records and other political matters.

Dates: January 19 1804

Creator: Lord Butler

Subjects: Political Record

Locations: Wilkes-Barre

People: John M. Taylor, Judge Hollenback, Judge Fell, Thomas Cooper

General Condition: Okay

Measurements: 9 1/8 in. x 7 3/8 in. (closed); 14 3/4 in. x 9 1/8 in. (open)

Transcript Attempt:

Wilkesbarre Jan 19th 1804

Sir

When John M. Taylor Esq give me notice of your desire that the Westmoreland Records should be removed with the Com[missary] papers I informed him that as an Individual I should not Object but that I could not consent, without being guilty of a Breach of trust, unless the people who were Interested in them would consent- I called on Judge Hollenback, William Ross Esq and many others, they all give it as their Opinion that these Records ought not to be removed, I therefore wrote a Letter to Mr. Taylor stating my reasons why I could not with propriety consent and if Mr. Taylor had conveyed to you my letter I believe you would not have accused me of wilfully obtaining them.

Judge Fell has shown me your letter to him wherein you are pleased to place the Responsibility on my shoulders and say that, they cannot be detained for any fair purposes. I consider myself Responsible to the people of this County who have interested them with me, but to no other Tribunal on earth, and how you can form an Opinion, that they are kept for unfair purposes is unaccountable to me,

they are surely not Dangerous Weapons to remain in our hands because were are disposed we cannot make use of them to the Injury of the Hate or any Individual, I believe your Candor will do me the justice to acknowledge, that I had at all times during your stay here furnished you with every darkenment and information in my power to facilitate the Business of your Commission, you will not therefore I presume construe this act into a Disposition to thwart the proceedings of the Com and I am sorry to find that its trivial a Circumstance should be laid hold of the furnish an excuse & suspend the further operation of the law- you suspect that I am about to spoil the ship for a pennys worth of tar, if I was interested with a leaky ship before I would be guilty of a Breath of trust, and surrender her contrary to her owners directions I would stay on board until the rats come upon Deck and then go down with her.

I am with due respect

Your most obed Serv

Lord Butler

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10.66. Item 63: Letter from Chester Butler to [Lord Butler](#), 1813 May 16 (removed to Legal Box #1)

Type of Material: Letter

Title: N/A

Description: Chester Butler is writing to his father Lord Butler about traveling finances and college.

Dates: May 16 1813

Creator: Chester Butler

Subjects: A family letter

Locations: Nassau Hall, Princeton University

People: Lord Butler, John in Easton, Mr. Overton, Pierce(?), John(?)

General Condition: Good.

Measurements: 9 ⁵/₈ in. x 8 ¹/₈ in. (closed); 16 ¹/₄ in. x 9 ⁵/₈ in. (open)

Transcript Attempt:

Nassau Hall May 16th 1813

Dear Father

I arrived here safe last Wednesday afternoon after a pretty pleasant journey. I parted from John in Easton he went to New York and I by the way of Philadelphia. I staid one day in the city and then took the Steam Boat to Trenton. My expenses from Wilkes-Barre to Princeton amount to sixteen dollars and eighteen cents. I purchased one pair of stockings for one dollar & twenty five cents, two chairs two dollars & fifty cents, one brush seventy five cents. The Bill for this session is ninety one dollars which I paid and took a receipt. The whole amounts to (if I have made no mistake) One hundred and seven dollars & sixty eight cts. My pantaloons and waistcoat were not finished when I took them from Browers and I do not know what it will require to finish them. I shall have to purchase some books & I forgot to mention that I got a Homer the price was two dollars.

I saw Mr Overton in Philadelphia who calculated to sail from there on Wednesday morning. There have between 25 & 30 new students entered college this session and our class is increased to upwards of thirty.

I wish some person would write soon from home. I shall not be able to write very often for there are so many in the class that to preserve my standing in it I must study harder than I did last session. I

wish to hear particularly concerning Pierce's health I have not heard from John since we parted. Give my love to all my relations not forgetting Grandmother Pierce I am in good health
and ever your

obedient and affectionate son,

Chester Butler

Mr. Lord Butler

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