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Later, Buley and his unit guarded British prisoners north, over 100 miles, to where they could be housed and fed. A letter at the Virginia State Library (William and Mary Quarterly, 1918), written by Edward Herndon, Commissary of Issues, explains, "they were marched to Fredericksburg: part of them were sick, and were sent to the Alum Springs," nearby where hospital surgeon, Dr. John Julien, could attend to them. Afterward Buley marched 90 miles to Annapolis where he was discharged on December 3, 1781, seven days before his term of enlistment ended.

Buley continued to live in Dorchester County after the Revolutionary War. He married Grace Buley (née Cromwell), a free woman of color, on June 18, 1824, in Cambridge, Maryland. At about 72 years old, on April 9, 1833, he appeared before the Orphans Court of Dorchester County to apply under the Act of Congress of June 7, 1832. Samuel LeCompte and Thomas Breerwood, Esq., attested to his character and veracity. After his death at Shoal Creek near Cambridge on August 15, 1836, his wife, on July 10, 1855, while a resident of Baltimore City, claimed bounty land as his widow under the Act of 1853. On March 1, 1872, Grace died after relocating from Baltimore to Dorchester County. Her brother, Shadrach Cromwell, aged 80, provided testimony about her death on May 20, 1872.

In interrogatories dated April 9, 1833, Buley when asked if he remembered any of his officers, he replied, "I have often seen Gen'l. Washington & [William] Smallwood, and many other noble officers whoes names time has effaced from my memory. I however will remember my old Captain David Lynn, who is the only officer ever of our own company whoes name I recollect."