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We consider  $C^*$ -algebras constructed from compact group actions on complex vector bundles  $E \rightarrow X$  endowed with a Hermitian metric. An action of  $G$  by isometries on  $E \rightarrow X$  induces an action on the  $C^*$ -correspondence  $\Gamma(E)$  over  $C(X)$  consisting of continuous sections, and on the Cuntz-Pimsner algebra  $\mathcal{O}_E$ , so we can study the crossed product  $\mathcal{O}_E \rtimes G$ . If the action is free and  $\text{rank } E = n$ , then we prove that  $\mathcal{O}_E \rtimes G$  is Morita-Rieffel equivalent to a field of Cuntz algebras  $\mathcal{O}_n$  over the orbit space  $X/G$ . If the action is fiberwise, then  $\mathcal{O}_E \rtimes G$  becomes a continuous field of crossed products  $\mathcal{O}_n \rtimes G$ . For transitive actions, we show that  $\mathcal{O}_E \rtimes G$  is Morita-Rieffel equivalent to a graph  $C^*$ -algebra. (Received September 09, 2019)