

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of John James VAS1147

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[From [rejected pension records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

Petition for bounty land

John James – Commissary &c.

The only evidence offered in support of this claim is evidence which shows that John James was Commissary, at Hampton, during the Revolutionary war – from 1776 to 1780 –

There is no proof that he was a Commissioned officer, or ever a Soldier taken from the ranks.

Respectfully submitted

S/ John H Smith., Commissioner &c

May 21, 1834

To his Excellency

Governor Tazewell

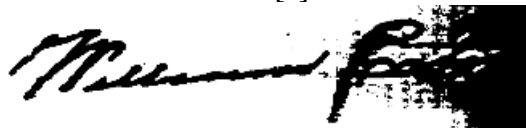
Sir,

I received your letter in regard to provisions and the Governor thinks that it would not be advisable to send any large quantity to Hampton as it is probable that the enemy may pay a visit to that place – it would be well that the old pork should be issued all at Camp that is good you had better try and get all the beef you can I don't doubt but there is some that is eatable about your Garrison – there is not a wagon at this place that can be procured to send you any bacon – if you cannot do without some you must entreat Colonel Muter [George Muter] to send some of the Country wagons from Hampton for that purpose. I would no doubt you will do everything in your power to provide for the troops in the best manner possible. I can't lend you the least assistance. I am this moment going over James River to provide for the troops sent over there.

I am Sir your most Obedient

May 15, 1779

S/ William Cat[?]



Fort Henry 22nd February 1780

The Commissary is ordered to settle immediately with Mr. Henry Mann for provisions provided

[?] for Colo. Marshall, while he commanded this Garrison, and account of which is already countersigned by Colo. Marshall

S/ Pat. Wright, Capt. S. A.

To Commissary James

Sir,

Issue provisions for the Negroes in Country Service for Season Dress [?]

November 29, 1779

S/ Henry Mann, Ass. Q. M. G.

To Mr. Jno. James

Commissary for Hampton

Fort Henry 15th of February 1780

Issue Rations for two days for one prisoner Confined in the Guard House

S/ Pat. Wright C. S. A.

Commanding Off. F. H.

[Note: this file contains other documents which appear to relate to the duties of John James as commissary at Hampton. I have not transcribed all the documents which are legible as posted because they all appeared to me to be administrative in nature. They may, however, be of interest to those interested in the working of a commissary during the war.]