

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to John Jett VAS1194

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[From [bounty land records in the Library of Virginia](#)]

This is to certify John Jett Seaman served the Term of 3 Years of the Different Vessels in the State Navy.

Given under my hand

21<sup>st</sup> of April [?] 1782 [?]

S/ William Saunders<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> SAUNDERS, WILLIAM, VA, Captain, Virginia Navy: William Saunders was commissioned as a [First] Lieutenant in the Virginia Navy and assigned to a galley on the Rappahannock River (the Lewis), to be commanded by Captain CELERY SAUNDERS. [NOAR, 272] Virginia Navy Schooner Adventure was commissioned on 8 June 1776, when William Saunders was appointed as her master. [NDAR, V, 431] Saunders had previously served as First Lieutenant on a galley, from 1 April 1776. [NDAR, IV, 621] On 17 June RICHARD LIGHTBOURNE was appointed as Mate on the Adventure. [NDAR, V, 593-594 and 594 note] Both Saunders and Lightbourne were issued commissions on 20 July 1776, as Captain and Lieutenant, respectively, by the Virginia Council of Safety. [NDAR, V, 1164] On 27 July Saunders drew £77.3.0 for his schooner's payroll from date of enlistment to 25 July. [NDAR, V, 1249] Adventure was at Hobb's Hole on 19 August 1776, when Saunders was ordered to cruise about the Virginia Capes to annoy the enemy, and then return to York to refit when the schooner was foul. The Virginia Navy Board also wished to inspect the schooner. [NDAR, VI, 239] Adventure was apparently fitting out at York by 20 September 1776, when Saunders drew a speaking trumpet, hour glass, and bunting from the storekeeper. [NDAR, VI, 919-920] He drew cordage and slops on 12 October 1776. [NDAR, VI, 1242, 1242-1243] The Council of Safety now had more interesting employment for the Adventure. On 29 November 1776, the Council ordered the Virginia Navy Board to send the schooner to either St. Eustatia or Martinique, consigned to the agents (Van Bibber; Harrison) there. [NDAR, VII, 328] A cargo of flour was procured and a cover letter written on 30 November. [NDAR, VII, 338] Nothing is known of this voyage, whether it took place or not, or what happened to the Adventure. Saunders was in Virginia on 18 April 1777, when he was ordered to take command of the galley Manley. [NDAR, VII, 369. Misidentified in NOAR, 272, as the Hanley.]

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