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Virginia Bounty-Land Application of William Downton VAS226  
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[From [bounty-warrant records in the Library of Virginia](#):]

William Downton having served as a gunners mate In the State navy three years years, the time of his Inlistment is hereby Discharged, Given under my hand this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 1780.

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James Markham [pension application R72]

Please to Grant a Certificate for what land I may be Intitled to, unto Mr Joseph Sanders and this my note shall Be Your Discharge  
Witness Presley Sanders  
To Mr Mereweather

[signed] William Downton

July 10 1783

[From [Rejected Claims in the Library of Virginia](#):]

Land office Virginia

I certify that a Land Warrant No. 2819 for two hundred acres, in fron[?] of William Downton, a Gunners Mate of the State Navy, issued from this Office bearing date 25<sup>th</sup> March, 1784; and that no other warrant has issued on account of the same services. As Witness my hand the 2<sup>d</sup> Oct'r. 1831.

NOTE: The bounty-warrant papers also include a petition to the Governor dated 13 Dec 1832 for 2666 $\frac{2}{3}$  acres of bounty land for the heirs of William Downton, minus the 200 acres previously awarded to him. There is also a petition to the Governor dated 19 Sep 1835 for bounty land by William Downton and William and Catharine Hammons, children of William Downton, who died in or about 1808.