

## Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to James Markham VAS488

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

[Note: Probably the same man as [James Markham R72](#)]

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It appears from the Returns lodged in the War Office that Captain James Markham was captured by the British forces in April 1781 and remained a prisoner until the General Exchange on the first of May 1783.

Council Chamber  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, 1783

S/ Thomas Meriwether

To his Excellency Governor Floyd

You will perceive Sir, that Captain James Markham was a Captain in the Navy and served in that Capacity 7 years & 5 months the law placed him on the pay of Major in the land service – and he had issued to him

wt no. 2215 for 4000 acres

" " 2216 " 2222 Do

6222 acres for his pay as

Captain for 7 years in the Navy this is exactly the pay for a Major – in the land service now as to the 5 months in addition to the 6 years and the one-year, the 5 months should be in the same proportion and a warrant No. 6174 for 277  $\frac{3}{4}$  issued for that amount by mistake in advice of Council and has been assigned to Captain Booker it would appear that it should remain with the present assignment and an additional warrant issued to Captain Markham so as to make up the deficiency to which he was entitled: & this statement with the proof is now submitted for consideration.

Respectfully WJ Basker Adm.  
of the estate of Jas. Markham

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To all to whom these presents may come  
James Markham of the County of Stafford Commonwealth of Virginia, send Greeting; Whereas as the said James Markham during the late war was a Captain in the Navy and thereby entitled to a considerable sum of money for his services as half for life or 5 years full pay in commutation agreeable to the laws of this State, and whereas the said Sum nor any part thereof half been paid, now know you that the said James Markham having and reposing great Trust and confidence in

Mr. Jacob Valentine of the County of Princess Ann, and Commonwealth aforesaid have made ordained constituted and appointed and by these presents do make ordain constitute and appoint the said Jacob Valentine my true and lawful Attorney, etc. [boilerplate PA language]... I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 1792.

S/ James Markham

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Markham". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.