

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Samuel Meals VAS628

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[From bounty land records in the Library of Virginia]

I do Certify that Samuel Meals has a Clear discharge from the Virginia Navy he having served from the 5th day of Jany 1777 to the 5th Feby 1781 four months of the time he served as gunner. Given under my hand this 5th of February 1781

S/ James Markam [sic James Markham¹]

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J. Pendleton, Jr.

¹ In 1781, James Markham was the Captain of the *Dragon*. See a wonderfully detailed history of this vessel contained in Ken Kellow's website, American War of Independence at Sea:

<http://www.awiatsea.com/sn/VA/Dragon%20Virginia%20Navy%20Ship-Galley%20%5BCallender%20Markham%20Singleton%20Travis%20Chandler%20Joel%5D.html>