

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Bounty Land Warrant information relating to Burgess Longweth VAS974

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

I do Certified that Burges Longweth Entered in the State Navy the 24 of July 1776 as an able seaman in July 1780 was made Gunner's mate & in March 1781 was appointed Gunner and served in that station until the Brig *Jefferson*¹ was Burned which was in April 1781 & the 20th day [text too faint to discern] called for by James Maxwell, Comr. Navy Given under my hand this 3rd day of July 1783

James Markham²

A Copy

S/ J Pendleton, Junior

Sir,

Please to grant a Certificate for what land I may be entitled to unto Mr. Joseph Sanders and you will oblige

S/ Burges Longweth

June 28, 1783

Witness

John Longwith

To Mr. Meriwether

¹ *Jefferson*. Coggins:102, Paullin:407, 411, Dandridge:186, brig in VA Navy, 14 guns, Capt Richard Barron, 1779, sent to Chesapeake Bay, May 1780. VANavy:154, 174, Davies XX:143, Capt Willis Wilson? sank it near Jamestown in Jan 1781. GMB:35, mentioned as repairable in May 1781 for defense of Hampton, VA. Silverstone:20, VA brig. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Other/Hough%20List%20J-K.html>

² MARKHAM, JAMES VA Captain, Virginia Navy On 1 April 1776 the Virginia Committee of Safety appointed James Markham as a Captain in the Virginia Navy and assigned him to the second galley building in the Rappahannock River. This was the galley that eventually was named the *Page*. [NDAR, "Minutes of the Virginia Committee of Safety," IV, 621. Note: Markham is not to be confused with John Marsden, as Stewart, *Virginia's Navy*, 12note apparently does.] On 20 July 1776 by the Virginia Council of Safety. Issued commissions to galley *Page*: James Markham, Captain, John Lurty, First Lieutenant, Henry Lightbourn, Second Lieutenant. [NDAR, "Journal of the Virginia Council of Safety," V, 1164 and notes] Dates of active service 20 July. <http://www.awiatsea.com/Officers/Officers%20M.html>

As I have to grant a Certificate for what Louis J. ...
to Mr. Joseph Sanders ...

Discharge

Henry's

John S. G. with

To Mr. ...

Harvestburg ...

June 26th 1789