Virginia documents pertaining to James Bland VAS2534  
Transcribed and annotated by C. Leon Harris.

[The following are from bounty-land records in the Library of Virginia.]

THESE are to CERTIFY that the bearer hereof James Bland private Soldier in Lt. Colo. [Henry] Lee’s Legion, having faithfully served the United States and being inlisted for the war, is hereby discharged from the American army.

    Given at the war office the 21st of August 1783
    By order of the Secretary at war. [Gen. Benjamin Lincoln]
    [signed] Jos. Carlson[?] Sec’y

Registered in the books of the regiment, [blank space] adjutant.

THE within CERTIFICATE shall not avail the bearer as a discharge, until the ratification of the definitive treaty of peace; previous to which time, and until proclamation thereof shall be made, he is to be considered as being on furlough.  

B. LINCOLN