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COL. GIDEON MORGAN.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 140.]

JANUARY 13, 1836.

Mr. HOWELL, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Col. Gideon Morgan, have had the same under consideration, and concur in the report made to this House at the last session on this subject, and adopt it as a part of their report.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions have, according to order, had under consideration the evidence in support of the claim of Col. Gideon Morgan, of the State of Tennessee, who seeks to be placed on the roll of invalid pensioners, on account of wounds received during the late war, and report :

The petitioner states, and proves satisfactorily to the committee, that, as colonel, he commanded the Cherokee Indians at the battle of the Horse Shoe, and that in said battle he was wounded by a ball directly over the right eye, which has entirely destroyed the sight of that eye, and produced a paralysis of the right side and arm. Two respectable physicians have certified that they consider his disability as total; and though his case does not come within the provisions of the pension laws now in force, yet it is recommended as being meritorious by the Commissioner of Pensions, who has passed on and rejected his application, merely on the ground that Col. Morgan was in command of the Cherokees.

The committee can perceive no good reason why a pension should not be allowed Col. Morgan, in the same manner as though he had been in command of any other portion of the troops employed on that occasion, particularly when it is recollected that he was not only fighting in the same cause with his brother officers, but fought bravely. Precedents are also found justifying this conclusion.

Being therefore of opinion that the application is meritorious, your committee herewith report a bill.