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SYLVESTER TIFFANY.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 831.]

JANUARY 13, 1837.

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

REPORT :

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Sylvester Tiffany, report :

That this is a case which was presented to the Commissioner of Pensions, and rejected by him, because, although the petitioner was wounded and taken prisoner at an attack of the British and Indians on Queenston, N. C., while that place was in our possession, yet as he was not an enlisted soldier or a draughted militia-man, he cannot, by the existing laws in relation to pensions, be entitled to relief. The evidence in this case, of the reception of the injury, and of his present inability, is satisfactory.

The circumstance of the petitioner being found from home, and at Queenston, is a strong corroboration of his assertion that he was there with the intention of joining with those carrying on offensive operations against the enemy. But if this were not true, the undisputed fact, that without enlistment or pay he voluntarily fought in defence of his country, and was wounded by a ball passing through the upper part of both his thighs, and another passing through the large part of one of his legs, and shivering the bone, together with his being taken prisoner and carried off by the Indians, is, in the opinion of this committee, a proof of merit, service, and suffering, that entitles him to the compassion and reward of his country. They therefore beg leave to report a bill.

Blair & Rives, printers.