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ABRAHAM H. KINGSLEY.

JANUARY, 1838.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. S. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition and papers in the case of Abraham Hanaham Kingsley, a free man of color, report:

That the petitioner states that he is a citizen of East Florida; that in the year 1812 he was engaged and employed in the service of the United States on board of gunboat No. 162, as pilot thereof, by Captain Grayson, the commander of said boat; that, while so engaged and employed, he was despatched by the order of said commander to guide a number of boats engaged in the transportation of a body of United States troops and volunteers, (at the time under the immediate command of Colonel Newman, late a member of Congress,) from near the mouth of the river St. John's to Picolata; that, after the landing said troops and volunteers, he remained, agreeably to orders, with the boats at said Picolata until the return of said Colonel Newman with the said troops and volunteers from his expedition to the Alachua; when your petitioner again conducted the boats with said troops and volunteers down said river to the station of the United States troops thereon, called *Camp Newhope*, established and commanded by Colonel Thomas A. Smith, of the first rifle regiment of the United States army, where your petitioner, in the year 1812, while in the immediate service and in the line of his duty, in an affair with the hostile Indians, was by them shot through the body, entering his left breast and passing out at his back. The petitioner proves by three or four witnesses the substantial features and statements of his petition. He proves by the certificate of a surgeon that his disability is three-fourths, and in his opinion said wound is the probable cause of the infirmity and disability of the petitioner; which certificate bears date February 12, 1829. No proof of his present disability; and his petition appears to have been presented to Congress for the first time on the 21st of March, 1836. The committee are of opinion that the petitioner has not made out such a case as entitles him to a pension, and therefore report against the petitioner.

Thomas Allen, print.