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JOSIAS E. VROMAN.

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FEBRUARY 17, 1838.  
Read, and laid upon the table.

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Mr. SIBLEY, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, submitted the following

**REPORT :**

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Josias E. Vroman, of the county of Schoharie, in the State of New York, for a pension, respectfully report :*

The petitioner finds his application for a pension upon the following facts, which are established to the satisfaction of your committee :

On the 9th day of August, 1780, a party of hostile Indians and Tories, under the command of Colonel Brandt, made an incursion into the settlement called "Vroman's Land," in the said county, where the petitioner then lived, massacred his mother and sister, burnt his father's dwelling, destroyed his personal property, and made prisoners of the petitioner, his father, and brother. The petitioner, then a lad of the age of eleven years, was marched by the Indians, under circumstances of great cruelty and torture, from place to place, in the State of New York; and finally conducted to Montreal, in Lower Canada, where he was imprisoned until the autumn of 1780, when he was exchanged and released. The privations and hardships endured by the petitioner, during the period of his captivity, were extremely severe; but, because he was not, at the time of his capture, a soldier in the service of the country, and was not of competent age to bear arms, your committee are compelled, by the settled practice of the Government, to report unfavorably upon his application.

Thomas Allen, print.