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JACOB BECKER.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 587.]

FEBRUARY 23, 1836.

Mr. EWING, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Jacob Becker, of the State of New York, report:

That the petitioner, for good and sufficient reasons, was placed on the pension-roll of his State, under the act of 1832, at thirty dollars per annum, and continued to receive the same until the 4th of March, 1836, when payment was suspended, because some pay-rolls of the company in which he had served show payment of two periods of service, of less altogether than one month as paid. That he has since obtained more testimony, (to what before had been deemed sufficient,) and now claims for seven months' additional services to the nine months previously admitted; which may be just, although not sanctioned by any official records. That the petitioner served nine months in the year 1778, in Lieutenant Deitz's company, of Colonel Vroman's regiment, is alleged by himself and different witnesses, (some of whom served with him;) and the proof of actual services for this period is clear and satisfactory. The additional claim, under all the circumstances of the case, is not viewed in the same light. That the evidence of the pay-rolls alluded to will not materially conflict with, much less gainsay, the actual rendition of nine months' services; and threecredible witnesses cannot, it is thought, be mistaken. That this claim is fortified by much testimony, and no doubt can be entertained of the substantial truth of the statements of the applicant himself. A long brief or argument accompanies the papers, to which reference may be had. He avows his age to be eighty-four years; and most of the witnesses give their ages, which correspond with a full knowledge of the facts they relate. The scene of this claimant's services is laid in and about Schoharie, New York, where British and Indians, separately and conjointly, were met and opposed. The committee have reviewed the whole case, and believe the claim for nine months' pension to be unquestionably just; therefore a bill to restore the petitioner to the pension-roll, at the same rate he had been awarded, is herewith presented.

Thomas Allen, print.