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LIEUTENANT JOHN ALLISON.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 657.]

MARCH 13, 1838.

Mr. McCLELLAN, of New York, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which were referred the petition and papers of Lieutenant John Allison, report:

That petitioner resides in the State of Indiana, aged seventy-four years; was a soldier in the war of the Revolution; after its termination, he volunteered in many campaigns against the Western Indians. His first campaign was under General Clark, in which he served as a light-horseman for three months; subsequently and previous to the year 1791, he was out upon many tours of duty, but of short duration. That in the year 1791, he resided in Fayette county, Kentucky; he was then a lieutenant in a company commanded by George Mattison, attached to a regiment of cavalry under the command of William Oldham as colonel. That the Governor of Kentucky called out a detachment of troops to aid in the campaign of General St. Clair. That petitioner, and company to which he belonged, did duty in said campaign, and took part in the battle which resulted in the defeat of the forces under General St. Clair. Petitioner acted as lieutenant in said engagement, and was wounded by a musket or rifle ball striking his tomahawk, hanging by his side, on horseback, which glanced and passed through his hip near the joint. That the commandant of the company was severely wounded, and the duty of making the returns devolved upon the petitioner. The above facts are satisfactorily made out by the affidavit of petitioner, and corroborated by the testimony of various witnesses certified to be credible. Joint resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana bear ample testimony to his gallant services in the defence of the country in the war of the Revolution, and in the Indian campaigns subsequent thereto, and strongly recommend him to the liberality of Congress as worthy of the bounty of the Government. That he is poor, and has around him a large family dependent upon him for support. L. G. Mitchell, and Edward Helfenstein, physicians and surgeons, who have long known petitioner, state that the wound received has produced permanent disability, which increases with his years; that he has not been able for many years to do military duty, or manual labor. They concur in stating his disability at three-fourths; but the committee are of opinion that the case warrants and will justify them in awarding a full pension, and they report a bill accordingly.