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Mr. HAND, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of George M. Bedinger, report:

That the declaration of the applicant states that he was in the service of the Revolution between the years 1775 and 1781, inclusive, seven times, including service as Indian spy in 1779 at Boonsborough and its vicinity; the last of said services being that of captain (much of the time doing the duty of adjutant) five months at and immediately preceding the siege at Yorktown. His first tour commenced in the year 1775, and continued one year, during which he was at the siege of Boston. The whole time stated amounts to about 2½ years; but your committee doubt whether the service at Boonsborough and in that region, as proved, is of that nature embraced within the principles upon which your committee have acted in recommending relief by pension; and that service is rejected.

Your committee think the proof of service one year as private (the first tour) and the last five months as captain, sufficiently corroborated by the testimony adduced. The remainder of the time your committee think not very definitely proven; but as there is proof that he was in the service at other different periods, though the time is not particularly set forth by the witnesses, your committee believe no injustice would be done by allowing three months therefor; and have concluded to report favorably on said petition, and ask leave to bring in a bill for a pension for five months as captain, and fifteen months as private, under the provisions of the act of June 7, 1832.

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