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On the Relief of W. Cuddeback

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Mr. White made the following REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 134.]

The Committee on Pensions, to which was referred an engrossed bill from the House, entitled "An act for the relief of William A. Cuddeback," report:

The committee do not regard the evidence as sufficient to establish six months' military service, coming within the spirit of the existing pension laws. It would appear, from the testimony, that Cuddeback served frequently, during the Revolutionary war, in defence of the settlements in Orange and Ulster counties, in New York, from the occasional incursions of the Indians; that the inhabitants organized guards for their own protection, but not under any authority from the State. The claim for regular military service at West Point, and on the Hudson river at various places, is not sustained satisfactorily.

The committee recommend an indefinite postponement of the bill.