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DOCTOR WHEELER RANDALL.

FEBRUARY 29, 1840.

Laid on the table.

Mr. GIDDINGS, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee of Claims, to whom was committed the petition of Wheeler Randall, report :

That the claimant alleges that he was engaged in the service of the United States in 1836, in the Florida war, as surgeon ; that, from ill health, he was unable to attend to business for six months after his discharge from the service. For this time petitioner asks that his *pay* be continued.

The committee believe the principle of payment by Government, in similar cases, has been confined to the time actually spent in the public service. It is thought that no instance can be found where payment has extended beyond the time of the officer's discharge. After an officer or soldier receives his discharge, he has not been considered in the public service. If he receives further indemnity, for loss by reason of wounds or sickness, it is by way of *pension*, and not as *pay*. The committee think the allowance of said claim is not authorized by any precedent known to the committee.

They therefore recommend to the House, for adoption, the following resolution :

Resolved, That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.

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