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WILLIAM A. CUDDEBACK.

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

MARCH 5, 1840.

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

REPORT :

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William A. Cuddeback, report :*

That the testimony submitted to the committee proves that the applicant performed several tours of military service during the three last years of the revolutionary war—in all, amounting to eighteen months or two years. This service was rendered in Gunear's and De Witt's forts, on the frontier of Ulster and Orange, in the State of New York. The town or settlement of Deer Park, in the county of Ulster, was destroyed by the Indians about the end of the year 1777 or the beginning of 1778. From that time to the cessation of hostilities, the population of that district were collected and resided within these two forts. During this period, the male portion of the population were under military discipline and organization, and undoubtedly protected that frontier from further Indian incursion. The company here organized has never been recognised as a part of the military force of the country during the war of the revolution, and the committee are of the opinion that it ought not now to be.

There is, however, satisfactory evidence of military service at Fort Montgomery, on the Hudson, and in the State of New Jersey, amounting to six months; for which the committee report a bill, granting a pension of twenty dollars per annum.