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THOMAS WILSON.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 202.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

Mr. STRONG, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Thomas Wilson, report :

That they concur in and adopt the following report made by the committee on Invalid Pensions, in the 25th Congress :

“That, from the petition of the said Thomas Wilson, it appears that in 1791, he entered as a soldier into the army of the United States, and was in the engagement against the Indians on the 4th of November, 1791, under General St. Clair, at the time of his defeat, and was ‘wounded in the left leg and right thigh by musket or rifle balls.’

“A certificate signed by about eighty persons, his neighbors, testifies to the character of the petitioner, and that he is a man of truth and veracity.

“The deposition of William Martinez shows that the petitioner, in the spring of 1791, in the county of Frederick and State of Maryland, was seen as a soldier in Captain Benjamin Price’s company, then on their march to join St. Clair’s army.

“The deposition of William Williams and Benjamin Dolbear, who are certified to be reputable as surgeons in their profession, states that the petitioner was wounded in the left leg, apparently by a gun-shot entering near the middle of the calf of the leg and coming out near the shin bone ; that he also received another shot in the right thigh, the ball not passing through the thigh, but apparently extracted by a surgeon ; and that, in their opinion, he is totally disabled from labor in consequence of said wounds.

“The committee consider that the petitioner has made out his case, and that he is entitled to relief. They therefore report a bill as for a total disability, for eight dollars a month, commencing on the 1st day of January, 1839, and to continue during his natural life.”