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JOSEPH W. KNIPE.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 218.]

MARCH 5, 1840.

Mr. RANDALL, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph W. Knipe, report :

That the petitioner testifies that he enlisted into the service of the United States, as a private, in the month of March, 1814; that he marched to the Canada frontier, crossed over, and remained encamped some time on the Canada side; that, while there, he went out on a scout under Lieutenant Handspach, and was attacked by a party of Indians; in the skirmish was wounded by a rifle ball in the left leg, had his horse shot under him, and his right hand considerably shattered, and that, as a consequence, his thumb and fore finger are yet useless; and that he also received a wound on the head by a tomahawk; that, subsequently, while on a scout, the troops encountered a party of the British, in which he received a bayonet-wound in his left breast. He states his captain's name was Samuel G. Hopkins, Colonel James V. Ball, 2d regiment dragoons. He says he is still disabled from his wounds.

John Harple swears, generally, that he was acquainted with the petitioner, served with him in the war, and that he was wounded in his right hand, which rendered it useless, and that they were discharged together. The credibility of witness is certified to.

Doctor C. M. Griffith testifies that he has examined the petitioner, and that he has lost the entire use of his index finger and thumb; and Doctor William Carson testifies that his disability from wounds received, as described in his petition, is one-half.

The papers are all duly authenticated. The committee believe the petitioner entitled to relief, and report a bill.

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