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JOHN SPEARS.

FEBRUARY 12, 1841.

Read, and laid upon the table.

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

REPORT :

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John Spears, report :

Petitioner, in his affidavit, sets forth that he served three years in the army of the United States, under General Anthony Wayne; having enlisted in 1792, and having been discharged in 1795. Sometime after he left the army, he was attacked with rheumatic pains, which continued growing worse, until he has become very much disabled; the ends of some of the fingers of both hands being drawn quite into the palms of his hands.

One witness, Daniel Spears, proves that he saw him while a soldier in the army, and remained with him a few days.

Two witnesses prove him to be a man of good moral character, and worthy of belief. Two others certify as to his good character for morality, truth, and veracity, and they believe he served as he states.

Even from the petitioner's own showing, the committee could not feel warranted in coming to the conclusion that his present disability was caused by great exposure or hardships encountered by him while in the service of his country, as he does not allege that he was affected with any bodily infirmity at the time of his discharge, and leaves the period when his disease originated altogether indefinite; and there being no other evidence on that subject, they report against the claim.