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THOMPSON HUTCHINSON.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 60.]

DECEMBER 29, 1841.

MR. TALIAFERRO, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom the petition of Thompson Hutchinson was referred, concur in the report made in this case, 25th Congress 2d session, which is made part of this; and report a bill.

JUNE 27, 1838.

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom the petition of Thompson Hutchinson was referred, report :

The petitioner represents his father, Thomas Hutchinson, was, on the 24th of July, 1818, placed on the pension roll of the United States; and that he was shortly thereafter stricken from the roll, without having received any part of his pension; that, at the time the said Thomas was pensioned, he was aged, infirm, and in extreme poverty; so that the withdrawal of his pension imposed on his only child, the petitioner, who was and is a poor man, the burden and expense of ministering to him the maintenance the pension would have afforded. The petitioner prays that the pension, which he is now advised was erroneously withdrawn from his father, may be allowed to him, as some remuneration for the expense thereby devolved on him.

It appears, by a statement furnished by the Commissioner of Pensions to the committee, that Thomas Hutchinson was, on the 24th of July, 1818, pensioned as a private in Gibson's regiment; and, under the belief that Gibson's was not a continental regiment, Hutchinson was stricken off the roll, without having received any part of his pension. It further appears, by evidence on file, that the petitioner is the only son of Thomas Hutchinson; and that, from the time his pension was withdrawn, he supported the old man to the period of his death. The committee find that Gibson's was a continental regiment, and, consequently, that the refusal of pension to Thomas Hutchinson, in 1818, under the impression that it was a State regiment, was erroneous. This has been ascertained beyond doubt; and in two cases identical with this, namely, the case of Patrick McEwen and Elijah Green's children, Congress have granted the relief asked for by this petitioner. The committee concur in the justice of those decisions, and report a bill.