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SYLVANUS BURNHAM.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 233.]

JANUARY 21, 1858.

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

REPORT.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Sylvanus Burnham, asking for a pension, having had the same under consideration, report :

It appears that petitioner was a private soldier in the Indian war, under General Wayne, for three years from February 28, 1792, and was honorably discharged. While engaged in the discharge of his duties as such soldier he was injured by the explosion of a canister of powder. By this explosion his face was burned and his eyes nearly ruined. So seriously was his sight impaired that for the last forty years he has been unable to read. He had received no pension, nor even a bounty land warrant, at the date of his application. Your Committee are of opinion that he is entitled to relief, and therefore report the accompanying bill, and recommend its passage.