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GEORGE A. ARMES.

JANUARY 10, 1873.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MOREY, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill H. R. 3372.]

It appears from the record of the court-martial which dismissed Captain Armes that a considerable portion of the important testimony which was relied on was given by Captain Charles G. Cox, Tenth United States Cavalry, who was, within two months thereafter, himself *dismissed the service, cashiered, and sentenced to be fined and confined in a penitentiary.* His evidence was contradicted point-blank by another witness, and a portion of his evidence is conclusively shown to have been false. That Captain Armes did not show the proper respect for superior authority is evident; but there is nothing in the record, so far as can be judged from a careful examination thereof, that, according to military usage, justifies the sentence that was imposed by the court-martial.

It has been shown beyond a doubt that Captain Armes was a brave and gallant officer. He was mentioned in general orders by General Cooke, United States Army, and congratulated by letter by Major-General W. S. Hancock, and recommended for promotion for energy and "gallant and meritorious conduct" on several occasions, both during the rebellion and in the campaign against the Indians.

The action which is recommended in the bill reported as a substitute for House bill 705 is the least measure of justice which, the committee believe, should be granted in the case.