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MARGARET S. HEINTZELMAN.

JUNE 4, 1880.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6389.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Margaret S. Heintzelman, praying for a pension, having had the same under consideration, would respectfully report:

That Margaret S. Heintzelman is the widow of the late Samuel P. Heintzelman, of the United States Army.

General Heintzelman entered the military service on July 1, 1822; he served with distinction in the Florida war, in the war with Mexico, and in expeditions against the Indians in California and Oregon. In May, 1861, he was appointed colonel in the United States Army and brigadier-general of the United States Volunteers, and in May, 1862, major-general of volunteers, and was engaged during the greater part of the late civil war in active field operations—at the battle of Bull Run, July, 1861, where he was wounded, and the Virginia Peninsula campaign, in command of the Third Army Corps; at the siege of Yorktown; at the battle of Williamsburgh; at the battle of Fair Oaks; at the battle of Gaines's Mill, and at the battles of Savage Station, Glendale (where he was contused), and of Malvern Hill, in the Northern Virginia campaign in the fall of 1862; at the battle of Manassas, August, 1862; at the battle of Chantilly. He afterwards commanded the defenses at Washington and the Department of Washington, and the Twenty-second Army Corps; he was brevetted brigadier-general of the United States Army for gallant and meritorious conduct at the battle of Fair Oaks, and major-general of the United States Army for gallant and meritorious service at the battle of Williamsburgh. After the close of the war he was in command in Texas and elsewhere until he was retired by a special act of Congress, to date from February 22, 1869, as major-general, for wounds received in line of duty. On the 1st day of May, 1880, he died of disease contracted while in active military service, and the result of extreme exposure in the line of duty, and of the wounds received as detailed above, leaving a wife and one daughter without adequate provision to supply their necessities.

Your committee are therefore of the opinion, in view of the long, valuable, and eminent services of General Heintzelman, and the fact that he died from wounds received and disease contracted while fighting the battles of his country, that his wife and daughter should have the pension prayed for in the accompanying petition. They therefore report favorably, and recommend that the bill which is herewith reported with the petition do pass.

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