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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 4, 1882.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. MITCHELL, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 230.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was again referred the bill (S. 230) granting a pension to Angus McAuley, have again considered the case, and respectfully submit the following report :

That they formerly considered this case, and on the 24th day of January, 1882, submitted to the Senate the following report :

That a similar bill was reported favorably in the last Congress, as appears by the report, a part of which is as follows :

"Angus McAuley was a soldier in the Seminole and Creek Indian war, and was pensioned at \$2 per month from February 7, 1859. He was dropped from the rolls by reason of his residence within the limits of the insurrectionary States. He asks that he may be restored, and files evidence that he did not perform military service in the Confederate army."

In addition to the facts found in said report, in which finding your committee concur, it appears that said Angus McAuley was opposed to secession, and was loyal to the Government of the United States during the war of the Southern rebellion.

Your committee recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendments : In line four strike out the words "place on" and insert the words "restore to"; in line seven, before "war" insert the words "Creek Indian," and strike out the words "of eighteen hundred and twelve" in the same line. Amend the title to read as follows : 'A bill to restore Angus McAuley to the pension roll.'

That said bill was recommitted March 8, 1882.

Since the recommendal your committee have received the following affidavit, made by said Angus McAuley :

STATE OF FLORIDA,
Suwanee County :

Before me personally came Angus McAuley, who being duly sworn, saith that he was a pensioner of the United States, because of wounds received in the service of the United States, and in the line of duty as a soldier in the Seminole and Creek war in Florida; that he opposed the secession of the State of Florida, and was always in favor of continuing the union of the States; that he took no part in the war, and was not in the military service; that he gave no aid or comfort to the Confederate cause; that he does not understand this statement to mean that he had no personal sympathy with his friends and relatives, or that he refused them any personal kindness which he was able to give, and which, as a Christian man, he would have given to any human being in need; that he does not understand this to mean that he did not pay taxes, or that he opposed, by violent means, the authority of the government.

Deponent states that he was old, infirm, and unfit for any active duty or service, and that he had no means of leaving the country with his family, and that his opinion and feeling was always that it would be better for the union to be restored.

Deponent does not, and never did, consider himself as having done or intending to do anything which should forfeit his right to his pension.

Deponent would have taken the oath if he had understood it to mean nothing more than the above.

ANGUS McAULEY.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 22d day of March, A. D. 1882.

[L. S.]

ROBT A. REID, *Clerk.*
Per W. I. COLE, *D. C.*

Your committee report the bill back to the Senate with the recommendation that the same be passed as proposed to be amended in the former report above set forth.

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