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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 13, 1885.—Ordered to be printed.

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

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill H. R. 4317.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred House bill 4317, granting a pension to Julia Chambers, have examined the same, and reports recommending its passage with an amendment reducing the amount from \$20 to \$12.

Mr. Blair, for the minority, opposes the amendment, and the following House report is a statement of the facts of the case :

[House Report No. 535, Forty-eighth Congress, first session.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions of the Forty-sixth Congress recommended the passage of this bill. We think they were justified in so doing.

For the reasons set forth in their report, which is hereto annexed, and which we ask shall be made part hereof, we recommend the passage of the bill.;

[House Report No. 173, Forty-sixth Congress, third session.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom the subject was referred, submit the following report :

Julia A. Chambers is a pensioner at the rate of \$8 per month, which she asks Congress to increase to \$20 per month.

It appears that petitioner is the widow of Ordnance-Sergeant John Chambers, United States Army, who died in the United States military service at Fort Monroe, January 30, 1879, after having served in the Army nearly half a century. It also appears that she is the daughter of William Johnson, who was in the military service of the United States for a period of thirteen years, and who was discharged therefrom by reason of wounds contracted in battle with Indians.

Petitioner alleges that she is sixty years of age; that the greater portion of her life has been spent in the Army with her husband and father. She states that she is infirm in addition to the disability on account of age, and that the pension now paid her is wholly inadequate to satisfy her necessities.

In view of the fact that this is an exceptional case; that she suffered the hardships of her husband and father, in their long services in the Army, the committee think the relief asked should be granted, and they recommend that the bill herewith reported do pass.

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