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D. M. LANG.

MARCH 28, 1892.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILSON, of Missouri, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 2395.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2395), granting a pension to D. M. Lang, have considered the same and report as follows:

The muster roll of Capt. Alexander McIver's company, Florida Mounted Militia, shows D. M. Lang, private, enrolled November 30, 1839, for four months, and discharged with company at Tallahassee, Fla., March 30, 1840.

In an application filed at the Pension Bureau April 3, 1883, Mr. Lang alleged that while on a scout in pursuit of the Indians during said service he was thrown from his horse, and in the fall his ankle was thrown out of place and three or four ribs were broken.

The claimant's allegations were supported by the testimony of Madison Lott and A. J. Miller, citizens of Gadsden County, Fla., who served in the same company and regiment, and medical evidence was submitted showing that for many years he had been a sufferer from dislocation of ankle, fracture of ribs on right side, and complete scrotal hernia, all of which were attributed to the fall received in the service as above stated.

The claim was rejected by the Pension Bureau, however, it appearing that the applicant rendered service in the Confederate States army during the late war. The proof accompanying the application at the Pension Office showed that his Confederate service was not voluntary, but was the result of conscription; but notwithstanding this fact the ground of rejection was "disloyalty."

The records show that in addition to the above service Mr. Lang served out two prior terms of enlistment in the Indian war.

Your committee had before them the testimony of two citizens of Decatur County, Ga., to the effect that owing to old age and feeble physical condition Mr. Lang is unable to support himself by manual labor and that he is a very poor man.

It appears from information obtained from his pension application that Mr. Lang is now about 75 years old.

There are many precedents for the proposed legislation, and your committee have at this session reported a general bill under which this claimant would be a beneficiary at the rate of pension fixed by this bill.

The passage of the bill is recommended.