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JAMES ROYAL.

FEBRUARY 18, 1829.

MR. LAWRENCE, from the Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the case of James Royal, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Military Pensions, to which was referred the petition of James Royal, report:

That the petitioner was called into the military service of his country, in the year 1814, against the hostile Creek Indians, in General Johnson's brigade, under the command of General Jackson. That after the fatigues and dangers of the campaign, and the defeat of the enemy, the detachment was allowed to return to their homes, though still held in service, or subject to another call, if necessary.

At the town of Carthage, Tennessee, the troops were invited by the citizens of that place to unite with them in a general rejoicing, in consequence of the victory obtained; which invitation was accepted. The petitioner was directed to superintend the firing of a piece of artillery, by the explosion of which he lost the sight of both eyes, and is now entirely blind. This unfortunate accident did not occur to the petitioner while in the field, but before he was discharged, and while he was under the command of his officers. Taking into view the peculiar situation of the petitioner, being wholly deprived of sight, poor, and a helpless family to support, dependent wholly upon his labor; and the facts set forth in his petition being attested by many men of the first respectability in the State of Tennessee, they report a bill for his relief.