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MARY ANN LAFFERTY.

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JUNE 8, 1894.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 1725.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1725) granting a pension to Mary Ann Lafferty, have considered the same and report:

The claimant's deceased husband, Patrick B. Lafferty, is shown by the records of the Second Auditor's Office, Treasury Department, to have served from January 31, 1818, to June 30, 1818, in Capt. Samuel Crawford's Company, Second Tennessee M. G. Volunteers, in the Seminole Indian war. In addition to the official record your committee also had before them the soldier's certificate of discharge from said service.

Patrick B. Lafferty died in 1877. His widow, the beneficiary, is extremely old and in dependent circumstances. These facts are sworn to by James P. Baird, of Nashville, Tenn., and William C. Baird, of Hickman County, Tenn., who knew the soldier and have known his widow for many years. Mrs. Lafferty resides at Nashville, Tenn.

The Indian war act passed July 27, 1892, does not reach this case because that act has reference only to the wars from 1832 to 1842, and this claimant's husband served in 1818. Hence the only method of relief open to Mrs. Lafferty at this time lies in a special act of Congress, and your committee, believing the bill to be meritorious, return the same to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

Amend by striking out the word "twenty," in line 10, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "twelve," so as to allow a pension of \$12 per month.