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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

DECEMBER 11, 1894.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 2342.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2342) entitled a bill granting a pension to Maj. Gen. John A. McClernard, have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report:

The military history of General McClernard, furnished your committee by the War Department, shows that he was a soldier in what is known as the Black Hawk war in 1832, in Captain Wilson's company of Illinois militia, and was commissioned and assigned to duty as assistant brigade quartermaster.

At the breaking out of the civil war, General McClernard was a Member of the House of Representatives from the State of Illinois, and distinguished for capacity and experience and for his earnest patriotism.

He was commissioned brigadier general of volunteers on the 9th day of August, 1861, and at once joined the army in the West, commanded by Gen. U. S. Grant.

General McClernard was present at the surrender of Fort Donelson in command of a division, and with a like command, was distinguished at the battle of Shiloh and Pittsburg Landing for his courage, gallantry, and skill.

He was subsequently assigned to the command of the Thirteenth Army Corps, and participated in the capture of Arkansas Post and Vicksburg, and performed many other valuable services to the country during the war.

General McClernard is now more than 80 years of age, and possesses but small means. Your committee therefore recommend the passage of the bill.