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SAMUEL F. FOWLER.

MARCH 22, 1898. -- Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 4194.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4194) granting an increase of pension to Samuel F. Fowler, formerly private Company A, First United States Infantry, have examined the same, and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted, and the passage of the bill is recommended.

HOUSE REPORT.

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4194) granting a pension to Samuel F. Fowler, have considered the same, and report:

The claimant was a private in Company A, First United States Infantry, and as such served in the Florida war with the Seminole Indians. His entire service covered the period from November 7, 1837, to November 7, 1840.

Mr. Fowler is now a pensioner at \$8 per month, under the Indian war act of July 27, 1892, and it is shown that he is 77 years old, totally blind, and in destitute circumstances. He attributes his blindness to being thrown from his horse during his service, causing injury of spine, kidney trouble, and piles. Blindness of one eye came on about six and one-half years ago, and total blindness developed about April, 1892.

The facts are sworn to by the claimant and are fully corroborated by Hon. Theo. Otjen, Member of Congress, who knows him personally.

The passage of the bill is respectfully recommended.