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DANIEL J. MELVIN.

APRIL 12, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 7501.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7501) granting a pension to Daniel J. Melvin, 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 claimant filed a claim at the Pension Bureau August 15, 1892, under the Indian war act of July 27, 1892, declaring that he enlisted May 15, 1836, at Eufaula, Ala., in Capt. Alexander C. Gordon's company of Alabama volunteers in the Creek Indian war, and that he was discharged in July, 1836.

The records fail to show the alleged service, but the facts are fully substantiated by the testimony of Malcolm Matheson, Henry Jackson, and Richard T. Hudspeth, who served in the same company with the applicant. Matheson was lieutenant of the company, and all are men of standing and good character. Their testimony, as well as that of the claimant, is of a most direct and convincing character, and your committee have no doubt that the service was rendered as alleged.

Mr. Melvin is now about 83 years old, and the pension, if granted him by Congress, will, in the natural order of things, soon cease to be drawn.

The passage of the bill is respectfully recommended.