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ABNER ABERCROMBIE.

JUNE 29, 1897.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 692.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 692), for the relief of Abner Abercrombie, have examined the same, and report:

A similar bill was introduced in the Senate and House of Representatives, reported favorably, and passed the Senate. No action was taken in the House.

The Senate report was as follows, which we adopt, and recommend the passage of the bill.

The master roll of Capt. M. T. Ashurst's company of Alabama Volunteers reports the claimant enrolled May 11, 1836, at Mount Meigs, and discharged June 7, 1836, at Montgomery, Ala. The records show further that the company was ordered into the service by Governor C. C. Clay, and marched from Montgomery May 11, and were on duty in the Creek Nation until June 7, 1836, when they returned to Montgomery and were discharged. Mr. Abercrombie filed an application at the Pension Office under the Indian war act of July 27, 1892, but the same was rejected on the ground that his service was two days short of the time required by that act.

There seems, however, to be some question as to the correctness of this action, in the light of the fact that the twenty-eight days expired while he was still in the Creek Nation, and it was not until after that that he was discharged at Montgomery, Ala.

The testimony of W. A. Worsham and W. C. Cleveland, citizens of Monroe County, Ga., shows that the claimant is about 78 years old, in feeble health, and entirely unable to do anything by which to earn a support for himself and his aged wife.

A similar bill was reported by your committee in the Fifty-third Congress, and passed the House, but failed in the Senate from lack of time to consider it before adjournment.