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Report No. 284.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 280.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JAMES FUGATE.

FEBRUARY 29, 1848.

Mr. W. T. LAWRENCE, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Fugate, respectfully report :

That your petitioner, on the 29th March, 1813, was received as a substitute for George W. Ralls in the company of militia commanded by Isaac Gray, captain, Major Thomas Fletcher's battalion, Colonel William E. Roswell's regiment, and General Green Clay's brigade. The corps marched on the 31st March, and at Dayton, in Ohio, your petitioner exchanged with William Harbinson, and was transferred from Captain Gray's company to the company of Captain Thomas Metcalf. They progressed by land and water, and landed at Fort Meigs on the 5th of May, where he fought under command of General Harrison. An after attack of Fort Meigs, by the British and Indians, was made on the 22d July. In this battle, while firing a cannon, he was ruptured (as he considers) by the cannon wheel running against him in its recoil. He received an honorable discharge from Major Thomas Fletcher, which was destroyed in 1835 by the burning of his house in Iowa Territory. He is now 60 years old, very poor, and unable to support himself by labor. His statement is fully sustained by the affidavit attached to a letter of Captain Thomas Metcalf, to which is added the certificates of examination, by O. S. Bigstaff and W. W. Ramsey, surgeons, declaring Fugate badly ruptured, and at least half disqualified from obtaining his living. Your committee deeming the petitioner entitled to relief, have reported a bill for the purpose.