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Report No. 305.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ALEXANDER McDONALD.

FEBRUARY 29, 1848.

Laid upon the table.

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 Alexander McDonald, report:

Alexander McDonald's declaration, aged 55 years; was a private in the company of Captain Thomas Lewis and Lieutenant George S. Herndon, 13th regiment Kentucky militia, Lieutenant Colonel Wm. Dudley, in March, 1813. In May, 1813, at the battle of the Maumee, was wounded in the knee by a rifle or musket ball; that he has long considered himself entitled to a pension under the law. Captain Lewis was killed after the surrender by an Indian. Lieutenant Herndon's residence is unknown. The last information he had of him was that he was married in Virginia, and resided there, but what part is unknown. McDonald lived in Fayette, in Kentucky, when he entered the army, and returned there after his being wounded and captured, and, after various removals, in 1841, settled in his present residence, in Hancock, Illinois.

Thomas Barns and Lewis Evans, surgeons, April 8, 1845, affirm McDonald is wounded, to produce the destruction of the power to use his right leg, and is three-fourths disabled.

Your committee think there is no absolute evidence of his receiving the wound which disabled him while in the service of the United States, although the presumptive evidence of that fact is strong, as he was, after the battle of the Maumee, seen wounded, in the care of those who were assisting others who had been wounded in the battle. This, with what your committee deem a want of proof of identity, induces your committee to request to be discharged from the further consideration of the petition.