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Report No. 453.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 383.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

BENJAMIN G. PERKINS.

MARCH 30, 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 Benjamin G. Perkins, of the town of Jefferson, in Coos county, New Hampshire, beg leave to report:

That your petitioner, after three previous enlistments in the service of the United States, and honorable discharges from the same, again enlisted on the 24th June, 1819, under Lieutenant Benjamin Fitch, of sixth regiment United States infantry, for five years; and, in the same year, marched to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where the corps remained during the winter; from thence proceeded to Pittsburg; thence by water to St. Louis; thence to Council Bluffs, Fort Atkinson, in northwest territory; from thence were called to chastise the Indians, who were depredating on the American Fur Company; during this, he suffered severely from exposure to winds and weather, lying on the ground without tents or shelter, through a march of forty-five days, through bluffs, rivers, and morasses, and was absent from Fort Atkinson three months, in which time he was afflicted with fevers and agues, succeeded by rheumatism, which has afflicted him ever since. He was honorably discharged 24th June, 1824, being then a sergeant in Captain Shalor's company of the sixth regiment infantry. These facts are also attested by persons who have known him before and since his service, and who were with him in the army, and knew him also as healthy, rugged, and smart, before and during the earlier part of his service, till within about eighteen months of its termination, when he became lame, with swollen limbs, though he continued to

do duty as orderly sergeant, though feebly, till his discharge. Doctors Jacob E. Stickney and Eliphalet Lyman, have known and tended Perkins for twenty years past, during which he has been continually much debilitated, his joints and limbs swollen, and his hands distorted by disease, and he is totally disabled. Your committee deeming him entitled to the bounty of his country, have reported a bill for his relief.

UNITED STATES SENATE

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