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Report No. 801.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 622.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

ELIZABETH S. COBBS.

JULY 25, 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 Elizabeth S. Cobbs, beg leave to report:*

That your petitioner is the widow of Waddy V. Cobbs, late a major in the army of the United States. He entered the service thereof as a second lieutenant, and remained attached thereto, while passing through that and the intervening grades, for more than thirty years, till the 1st January, 1848, when he died. Your petitioner, from information derived from her said husband, declares that he was actively engaged in service in the war with Great Britain, and in the Creek and Seminole campaign, under General Jackson, &c., until the time of his marriage with your petitioner on the 31st January, 1819. From that time till his death (except for a short time during his service in Florida) your petitioner was continually with him through all his services. For five years, at the Sault Ste. Marie, he performed, in addition to his duties as commander of the station, the duties of Indian agent, for which he received no compensation. His service was one of responsibility, fatigue, and exposure, and particularly in the summer of 1838, when engaged in superintending the removal of invalid soldiers from Green Bay to Fort Winnebago. In that service he was exposed under great heat, with frequent showers, during a very arduous duty, in which he was engaged fourteen days, of which six days were occupied in ascending the rapids. Soon after he was attacked with the malignant fever peculiar to the climate, which terminated in a total paralysis of the lower limbs, which remained to the day of his death. This statement of your petitioner is sustained by the affidavit of John S. Sleeper, of Boston, (who, by the Hon. Horace

