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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 5, 1868.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. VAN WINKLE made the following

REPORT.

[To accompany bill S. No. 315.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Marquis D. L. Mitchell, of the Creek nation, having had the same under consideration, report :*

The petitioner is a member of the Creek nation of Indians, was always loyal to the government of the United States, and on that account was arrested by the rebel authorities at the commencement of the rebellion, put into prison and condemned to be hung. On the day upon which he was to be executed he made his escape from prison, when he was pursued and shot in the leg and hand, which almost entirely rendered him incapable of practicing his profession, (that of a physician,) or earning a livelihood by manual labor. He afterwards received six gunshot wounds while engaged in battle with the rebels, and is now suffering, as a consequence of his said wounds, from neuralgia, strangury, &c. At the same time he also acted in the capacity of physician and surgeon to the party of Opothleyohola, chief of a band of loyal Indians, in their retreat into Kansas, at the beginning of the rebellion.

The committee, considering that he was wounded and reduced to his present condition by acts performed by him in defence of his country and in opposing secession, are of the opinion that he ought to be pensioned, and report a bill accordingly and recommend its passage.