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TENDERSON SMITH.

DECEMBER 13, 1894.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. MOSES, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 7562.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7562) granting a pension to Tenderson Smith, have considered the same, and respectfully report as follows:

The claimant was a member of Captain Matthews's Company of Georgia Volunteers, Creek Indian war of 1836, and he declares that his service covered the period from May 17 to July 27, 1836. The records, however, bear his name from July 8 to July 14, 1836, only, and his Indian war claim, filed at the Pension Bureau under the act of July 27, 1892, was rejected on the ground of insufficient service. The claimant insists, however, that his original enlistment was in a company commanded by a Captain Billups, who was afterwards killed without having made up a record of his company. It was after the death of Billups that claimant joined Matthews's company.

Although the records fail to show the full service rendered by the claimant, it is admitted by the Pension Bureau that he participated in battle, and a bounty land warrant was granted him because of that fact.

Not only the bounty land laws but the Mexican War act of January 29, 1887, gives title to those soldiers who engaged in battle without reference to length of service rendered.

Claimant is now about 80 years old, destitute of means, and dependent upon a crippled son for the necessaries of life.

Under the circumstances, your committee believe that this is a proper case for relief, and the passage of the bill is recommended, with an amendment striking out the word "twelve" in line 7 and inserting in lieu thereof the word "eight," so as to fix the rate at \$8 per month.