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JOHN W. PORTERFIELD.

FEBRUARY 15, 1897.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

R E P O R T.

[To accompany H. R. 7313.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7313) granting a pension to John W. Porterfield, have considered the same and report:

The claimant filed an application at the Pension Bureau under the Indian war pension act of July 27, 1892, declaring that he served as a private in Captain Henderson's company of Alabama Volunteers in the Creek Indian war of 1836, and that his service covered the period from June 4 to July 23, 1836.

The records, so far as they can be found, fail to show the alleged service, but the claimant relates in detail all the circumstances connected with his service and the names of a number of persons who are alleged to have served with him have been found on the rolls.

In addition to this, Henry Porterfield, an aged resident of Butler County, Ala., who was a member of the above-named organization, swears that the claimant served with him as a soldier in said war and they saw each other every day during four or five weeks of the time covered by their enlistment. Henry Porterfield is now a pensioner for the same service.

The papers show that the claimant is now about 89 years old and in dependent circumstances.

Your committee believe, after an examination of all the evidence, that the alleged service was rendered, and that the bill is one of merit. The passage of the bill is therefore recommended.