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WILLIAM CHRISTENBERRY.

APRIL 21, 1898.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 7696.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7696) granting an increase of pension to William Christenberry, have considered the same and respectfully report as follows:

The claimant was a private in Captain Miller's company of Tennessee Volunteers, and served from May 13 to July 14, 1838, in the Cherokee Indian disturbances. He is now a pensioner at \$8 per month under the Indian war service pension act of July 27, 1892.

Medical and other testimony accompanying the bill shows that the claimant is 89 years old, and so feeble that he is confined to his bed nearly all the time. It is further shown that he is wholly without means of support aside from his small pension.

There are many precedents for the allowance of an increased rating to the aged and dependent survivors of the old Indian wars, and in view of the facts set forth above the passage of the bill is recommended with the following amendments:

Change the title so as to read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to William Christenberry."

Before the word "company," in line 6, insert the words "Captain Miller's," and after the word "company," in same line, insert "Tennessee Volunteers, Indian war."

In line 7 strike out "twenty-five" and substitute "twenty."

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