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THEODORE W. COBIA.

JULY 1, 1898.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT.

[To accompany H. R. 6645.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6645) granting a pension to Theodore W. Cobia, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives is as follows:

This is a bill enacting that the pension of Theodore W. Cobia, who served in the Florida war, be increased from \$8 to \$12 a month.

This old soldier now draws a pension of \$8 a month (certificate No. 1719), which is inadequate for his necessities. He is 78 years old, almost totally blind, and very feeble. He served in the Florida war in Capt. John Mathis's company, South Carolina Mounted Volunteers. His present circumstances are fully set forth in the following affidavits:

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, *Dekalb County*:

In the matter of application of Theodore N. Cobia, of Rodentown, Ala., for an increase of his pension, who is now placed on the Knoxville pension rolls at the rate of 8 dollars per month, personally appeared before me, L. Gravitt, a notary public in and for said county, personally appeared Simeon T. Word and J. W. McDearmond, and W. R. Waters and John A. Barksdale, of Rodentown, Ala., who, being by me duly sworn, deposed and sayeth that we are personally acquainted with the applicant, Theodore N. Cobia, and his pecuniary condition, and we know from our own personal knowledge that he is unable to earn a livelihood by his manual labor; he is very old and unable to perform manual labor, and he is total blind in left eye; besides, he is physically unable to do labor; this we know from our own daily and weekly observations; he has no daily or yearly income or other resources for his well-being, and we are of the opinion that his present pension rating is not sufficient, and inadequate for his well-being, as he is entirely dependent on others for support and well-being.

S. T. WORD.
J. W. MCDEARMOND.
J. A. BARKSDALE.
W. R. WATERS.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 31 day of March, 1896.

[SEAL.]

L. GRAVITT, *Notary Public*.

THE STATE OF ALABAMA, *Dekalb County*:

In the matter of Theodore N. Cobia, for an increase of pension, who is now placed on the pension rolls of Knoxville, Tenn., at the present rates of \$8 per month, personally appeared before me, L. Gravitt, a notary public in and for said county of Dekalb and State aforesaid, personally appeared F. M. Howard and W. J. Word, and W. A. Cavis, H. N. McNair, all of Rodentown P. O., Ala., who, being by me duly sworn, deposeth and sayeth that we are personally acquainted with Theodore N. Cobia and frequently see him, and that he is in destitute circumstances. He has no other means of support other than his small amount allowed him by the United States Government and his daily labor, and he being unable to perform manual labor by reason of being wholly physically unable to perform manual labor, he being totally blind in left eye and being of the age of 77 years, he is incapacitated from performing manual labor, and we are of the opinion that the sum now allowed him as pension is inadequate for his well-being, as he has to pay board and washing bills.

F. M. HOWARD.
W. J. WORD.
W. A. CAVIS.
H. N. MCNAIR.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of April, 1896.

[SEAL.]

L. GRAVITT,
Notary Public and Ex Off. J. P.

The passage of the bill is respectfully recommended.

The passage of the bill is recommended with the following amendments:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert—

That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Theodore W. Cobia, late of Colonel Gordon's Regiment of South Carolina Volunteers in the Florida Indian war of eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and pay him a pension at the rate of twelve dollars per month, in lieu of that he is now receiving.

Also, amend the title of the bill so as to read: "An Act granting an increase of pension to Theodore W. Cobia."