

W. S. YOHE.

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Mr. DE LANO, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2352.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2352) granting a pension, to W. S. Yohe, submit the following report:

The claimant in this case enlisted on the 29th of June, 1837, at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., in Company H, Colonel Taylor's regiment of infantry, U. S. Army. The regiment was ordered to Florida, where they arrived in November of the same year, and soon after engaged in a battle with the Seminole Indians at Lake Okeechobee, losing one-fourth of their entire command. He was honorably discharged at Fort Macomb on the 29th of June, 1840, by reason of expiration of term of service, and in the September following re-enlisted at St. Louis for five years. Being again discharged on the 21st day of September, 1855, he entered the Quartermaster's Department at Fort Leavenworth, where he remained until the breaking out of the Mexican War. He then raised a company for service in Mexico, but was unable to get them mustered in on account of the regiment's being full.

The following extract from a letter of General Phil. Kearney shows the high esteem in which he was held by that officer:

From the knowledge I had of you as orderly sergeant of the company I can, with pleasure and security, repeat my highest commendation in favor of your integrity, activity, regularity, and intelligence. You would prove a valuable agent of, or director for, parties under the quartermaster of any of the new posts. As your papers will show up to the time of your discharge in the fight of 1845, you had obtained an unblemished character. I wish you would show this letter to any person, military or civil, where there is a vacancy that would be suitable for you.

I thank you kindly for your expression of sympathy at the loss of my bridle arm. It is a great deprivation, of course, but I suffer no pain from it, and I can accomplish almost the same, mounted or on foot, as before.

This old veteran is now nearly 75 years of age, and, in view of his long and faithful service, your committee recommend the passage of the bill.