27th Congress, 2d Session.

from which fact it is interred.

STEPHEN SHIPMAN.

May 20, 1842. Laid upon the table.

Mr. Cowen, from the Committee of Claims, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee of Claims, to which was referred the petition of Stephen Shipman, report:

That the petitioner represents that he was in the military service of his country in the years 1812 and 1813, for which service there is yet due to him, from the United States, fifty-three dollars and thirty-seven and one-half cents, as a balance for those services. He further represents that he served in several campaigns against the Indians, one in 1778 and another in 1791, and others, for which he has received nothing. No evidence accompanies the petition. The letter of the Third Auditor, printed herewith, is all the evidence before the committee. This is against the claim; and the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the petitioner is not entitled to relief.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Third Auditor's Office, April 7, 1842.

Sin: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th instant, enclosing the petition of Stephen Shipman, who claims a balance of \$53 372, as due him for his services in Captain Bigger's company of rangers during the late war, and stating that he rendered services in the years 1778 and 1791, for which he has never received any compensation; and you ask, in behalf of the Committee of Claims, to be furnished with such information as this office may afford relative to his services as stated and payment therefor. In reply, I have to inform you that, upon examination, he is found to have entered the service as a private in Captain Bigger's company of mounted rangers on the 29th May, 1813, for the term of one year, and was regularly paid from that time to the 28th of February, 1813, at the rate of one dollar per day, by paymaster Whitlock, from which time to the 13th March, 1814, when he was discharged, he was paid at the rate of 75 cents per day, as a dismounted ranger. He has, therefore, been paid in full for all the services rendered by him in Captain Bigger's company. With regard to his services in 1778 and 1791, I have to state that the rolls and accounts for that early

period have generally been destroyed in the burning of the public buildings. There are, however, some books preserved, in which balances found due dead and discharged soldiers, on the settlement of the paymaster's accounts, (for the period mentioned,) have been entered; but the name of said Shipman is not returned as having any thing due to him, from which fact it is inferred that he received all that he was entitled to. The petition is herewith returned.

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With great respect, your obedient servant,

PETER HAGNER, Auditor.

The Hon. B. S. Cowen, Chairman Com. Claims, Ho. Reps.