

MICAJAH RICKETTS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 650.]

MAY 19, 1836.

Mr. MILLER, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Micajah Ricketts, report:

That the said petitioner states that he enlisted as a soldier on the 8th of September, 1814, in Captain Jones's company, 24th regiment of infantry, for five years; and that on the 15th December, 1817, while in battle with the Seminole Indians, near the Appalachicola, he received a wound from a musket or rifle ball, which lodged in his right hip; that after the said battle, he was placed in the hospital at Fort Gaines, where he lay about nine months, and was then taken to Fort Montgomery, where he remained some considerable time, and was honorably discharged; that he enclosed his discharge to the proper authorities at Washington, for the purpose of obtaining his bounty lands, since which he has not heard of it. The honorable Mr. Forester states, verbally, to the committee, that he obtained a warrant for his land this session, but that he could not find the discharge, and that the warrant was granted on other testimony.

Christopher Bachman, who is proved, in the most satisfactory manner, by the certificate of the court before whom his deposition was taken, and by that of the honorable John B. Forester, to be a man of integrity, entitled to full credit, states, "that he was a private during the said campaign, against the Seminole Indians; that he was personally acquainted with the said Micajah Ricketts, and that the said Ricketts was wounded in an engagement with the Seminole Indians near Appalachicola river, in his right hip; that he was placed in the hospital as aforesaid, during which time, the said Bachman states, that he attended in the hospital as a nurse to the sick and disabled, and amongst the rest, to the said Ricketts." This, your committee take to be satisfactory evidence of the service, and of the reception of the said wound.

Two physicians, Robert Cox and Solomon K. Robertson, who are certified to be men of integrity and skill in their profession, certify on oath, that the present disability is in the second degree, or one-half disability, resulting, as they believe, from the wound referred to, and, also, that the said disability appears to be of a permanent character.

The committee, therefore, report a bill at the rate of \$4 per month.