

CHRISTOPHER DENNISON.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 196.]

DECEMBER 22, 1837.

Mr. WHITTLESEY, of Connecticut, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Christopher Dennison, ask leave to report:*

The petitioner has applied to the Commissioner of Pensions, under the law of 1832, and made declaration of his services from 1775 to 1781, inclusive. In 1775 the petitioner resided at Spencertown, New York, and forthwith, upon the first news of the battle of Lexington, repaired to Boston, and continued to serve as a volunteer, some months every year, to the end of that of 1781; was in the battle of Saratoga, and in other engagements with the British and Indians. The Commissioner did not allow the claimant a pension, on the ground that the proof offered did not come strictly within the rules of the department, and he was precluded the exercise of any discretion. He suggests "that, as the claim is unquestionably meritorious, it affords a suitable subject for the equitable consideration of Congress."

The committee are of the same opinion; and, in conformity to a former report on the subject of this petitioner's claim, say that, from the evidence, they are satisfied that "the petitioner served at least nine months as a sergeant in the war of the Revolution, and report a bill that he be allowed a pension for that term of service."

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