

DANIEL NEWMAN.

MARCH 13, 1838.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. COLES, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Daniel Newman, report :*

That it appears that the petitioner commanded a volunteer regiment in the service of the United States, against the Creek Indians, during the late war with Great Britain, and that in this service he received several severe wounds.

The petitioner applied at the Pension Office in 1831 for a pension ; at which time his physicians reported that the disability created by the aforesaid wounds amounted to one-half. By the letter of the Commissioner of Pensions it appears that he has received the full amount granted by the law in such cases.

Should his disability increase, upon evidence of the fact his pension may, under existing laws, be augmented.

The committee are of opinion that, to give the petitioner's pension a retrospective effect for a period before his application, would involve the difficulty of ascertaining the degree of disability; would encourage numberless applications of a similar sort; and tend to unsettle the law granting invalid pensions. They deem it equally objectionable to increase his pension beyond that which is allowed to others in the same situation; and therefore report the following resolution :

*Resolved,* That the prayer of the petitioner be rejected.

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