

ELISHA BENTLY.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 681.]

MARCH 21, 1838.

Mr. KLINGENSMITH, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions,  
made the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the  
petition of Elisha Bently, report :*

That he states he enlisted in the service of the United States in the month of June, in the year 1776, at the town of Norwich, in the county of New London, State of Connecticut, under Captain Huntington, for the term of nine months; that he marched with the company to New York, and was joined to a regiment commanded by Colonel Selden, and stationed at the grand battery, and remained there about two months; that the regiment to which he belonged, together with several other regiments, then marched to Long Island, under command of Major General Putnam; that a few days after they were on the island, the British landed at Flat-bush on Long Island, and the Americans retreated back to New York; that the regiment to which he belonged was stationed at a place called Turtle bay; that two days after the landing of the British, he was in a warm engagement that took place between the British and the regiment to which he belonged; that a great many of our men were killed and taken prisoners at the engagement; that he was at the battle of White plains, and that he remained at the White plains till the time for which he had enlisted was up; that in the year 1777, at the town of Terringham, in the county of Berkshire, State of Massachusetts, he volunteered under Captain Herrick for three months, and marched to Fort Edwards, and joined Colonel Nixon's regiment, and marched to Kingsberry, and was in an engagement at that place with the Indians and tories; that they returned to Fort Edwards, then went to Fort Miller, and from there to Saratoga, and remained there about two months, and was at the taking of Burgoyne, and a few days after was discharged; that in the year of 1778, in the month of June, at the town of Woodberry, in the State of Connecticut, he again enlisted under Captain Ezra Chatman, for the term of three years, but was returned by the recruiting officer as enlisted for during the war; that he marched to Horse neck, on the East river, and joined a regiment commanded by Colonel Meigs, under the brigade of General Huntington; that he was stationed at Horse neck and White plains till in June, 1779, at which time a guard was formed out of Colonel

Meig's regiment, to prevent the refugees and tories from plundering the inhabitants on the north side of the East river; that he was one of the said guard, and that he continued in the service as such guard till the close of the war; that he was then again attached to Huntington's brigade, and marched to New York, and was discharged late in the fall of the year 1783. The services are fully established by the depositions of William Bently and Seymour St. John. The committee are of opinion that he is entitled to a full pension, and to that effect report a bill.

March 21, 1788

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 in relation to the report

That he states he joined in the service of the United States in the month of June in the year 1776, at the town of New York, in the county of New York, State of Connecticut, under Captain Huntington, in the rank of private; that he marched with the company to New York, and was joined in a regiment commanded by Colonel Sedgwick, and stationed at the Grand Battery, and remained there about two months; that the company to which he belonged, together with several other regiments, was marched to Long Island, under command of Major General Putnam, and on the 28th of August they were on the island, the British landed at Flat Bush, and the Americans retreated back to New York; that the regiment to which he belonged was ordered to a place called Fort Mifflin; that two days after the landing of the British, he was in a skirmish that took place between the British and the regiment, in which he was wounded; that a great many of our men were killed and taken prisoners; that he was at the battle of Red Bank, and that he returned at the winter of 1777, to the town of Middletown, in the county of Hartford, State of Connecticut; he volunteered again, and joined the 2nd Regiment, and marched to Kingsbury, and was in an engagement at that place with the British and others; that he returned to Fort Edwards, then was in Fort Mifflin, and from there in February, and remained there about two months, and was the last of the year of 1777, and a few days after was discharged; that in the year of 1778, in the month of June, at the town of Woodbury, in the State of Connecticut, he again enlisted under Captain Peter Johnson, in the rank of private; but was returned by the recruiting officer as enlisted for three years; that he marched to Housatonic on the 1st of August, during the war; that he marched to Housatonic, under the command of General Huntington; that he was stationed at Housatonic and White Plains, at which time a great number of British were joined out of Colonel