

WILLIAM BOWMAN.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 859.]

JANUARY 20, 1837.

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

REPORT:

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the petition of William Bowman, report :

That the petitioner has clearly proved, by Captain Matthew P. Long, Lieutenant William Thornton, and Dr. Arthur B. Ralph, surgeon, officers of a company of volunteer rangers that was raised on the frontier of Missouri in June, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, (1832,) for the purpose of arresting the inroads of the Indians, while a more regular force was organized by order of the Governor for that purpose, that the petitioner was a sergeant in said company ; that while on duty, under the orders of his superior officers, in the night, he was fired upon by their own sentinels, and badly wounded in the arm ; and he also proves, by the said Arthur B. Ralph, surgeon, that said wound wholly disables him from procuring subsistence by manual labor.

The committee would also report that Congress passed a law, which was approved on the 2d of July, 1836, making appropriation to pay said company for their service ; thereby, as the committee conceive, accepting and adopting said service as rendered to the United States, and consequently giving those wounded in that service the same claims they would have had, if wounded while in service in any other corps.

The committee, therefore, resolve to report a bill.