

WILLIAM BAKER.

APRIL 4, 1840.

Laid on the table.

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

REPORT :

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of William Baker, report :*

It appears by the certificate of Captain John Chiles, that William Baker was a private in his company at the battle of the Horse Shoe; that said Baker was a brave soldier, and faithfully discharged his duty; that he performed a trip to the Escambia river, which was very fatiguing; many of the soldiers lost their lives in consequence of the fatigues, privations, and exposures of the trip.

Two physicians certify that they were called to see said Baker—one in 1826, and the other in 1832—and found him suffering with extensive ulcers; that he was much emaciated, and entirely helpless; they rate his disability at one-half, and suppose his disease to have been caused by the exposure and fatigue which he suffered in the service. Fifteen citizens of Tennessee, who have signed a petition to Congress in favor of said Baker, express the same opinion as to the cause of his disability.

Reuben Tipton says, upon his oath, that he served in Captain Chiles's company in the Creek war, with the said Baker, and corroborates the statement of Captain Chiles, that the said Baker was a brave, faithful, and active soldier, and was exposed to extraordinary fatigue and exposure, &c.

The committee, therefore, report adversely to the prayer of the petitioner.

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