

AQUILLA GOODWIN.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 352.]

MARCH 27, 1846.

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

REPORT :

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Aquilla Goodwin, beg leave to adopt the following report made by the Committee on Invalid Pensions, on the 8th of March, 1842 :*

"That the declaration of petitioner, made under oath, sets forth that, in April, 1813, he enlisted as a private in the company of Captain Fuller, in the fourth regiment of United States infantry, and served in said capacity for about two years. That while in said service, and in the line of his duty, upon a fatiguing march through the woods, from Burlington to an Indian village, he fell, and was severely injured in his knee; that he was placed in the hospital at Burlington, where he was partially relieved and was put upon light duty; that he was not cured; but, remaining lame, he was honorably discharged at Greenbush, New York, by General Burbank. This discharge he swears he sent to the bounty land office, and proposes to annex a copy thereof to his declaration. This copy is not annexed, although there are wafer marks thereon, showing that some paper *was* annexed thereto, but has been removed; and it is said that the original is not found upon the files of the War Department.

"No testimony is produced, from any officer who was in commission at the time.

"*Moses Goodwin* testifies that he was a private soldier in the same company with the petitioner during the same time; that he knows the petitioner received a severe injury in his knee while on the march from Burlington, as stated in the said declaration, and that he was made very lame thereby, and has remained so ever since.

"*Moses Carter* and *Josiah B. Gale*, who are shown to be reputable physicians and surgeons, swear that the injury of the petitioner is a rupture of the capsular ligament of the knee; that the disability created by it is three-fourths, and that it is *incurable*.

"The testimony is all regularly taken and certified, and the facts aforesaid sufficiently proved. The committee therefore ask leave to report a bill for the relief of the petitioner."