

JAMES M. LEWIS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 275.]

FEBRUARY 16, 1854.

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

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and papers of James M. Lewis, of Tennessee, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report :*

That the papers in this case show that they were first presented to Congress December 16, 1844, and referred to the proper committee; again referred April 26, 1846, December 22, 1846, March 21, 1848, and again July 27, 1852, making in all five times that they have been presented to Congress. The committee find among the papers a favorable report drawn up, and also a bill for a full disability pension of eight dollars per month from the 1st of January, 1846.

The petition sets forth that the petitioner served his country about four years—first as a midshipman in the navy for more than two years, and when the Creek war broke out, in 1812, he flew to the defence of his home and his friends in Tennessee; that he continued in the military service under General Jackson for nearly two years; that he was in the battles of Tallahatchie, Talladega, and the Horse Shoe, in the latter of which he received two wounds, one in the right arm and one in the right hip, with two balls, also a slight wound in the left leg with an arrow; that subsequently, in carrying an express from the army to Nashville, he was thrown from his horse, and had his left wrist sprained.

There is with the papers a certificate of two reputable physicians that these wounds amount to a total disability, which is certified to by Frederick P. Stanton, a member of the present Congress. The committee also find a letter from General Jackson to said Lewis, and herewith annex a copy, *the original being among the papers:*

“HERMITAGE, October 10, 1844.

“DEAR SIR: I have received your favor of the 24 ult., and it affords me pleasure to say that I have a distinct recollection of your having received two wounds in the battle of the Horse Shoe in 1813; and

that you were at all times, while under my command, a faithful and gallant soldier.

“Please to accept my kind regards and best wishes for your welfare.”

“ANDREW JACKSON.

“JAMES M. LEWIS, Esq.”

The letter is directed to said Lewis, at Ripley, Tennessee, with Andrew Jackson's frank upon it.

Your committee consider the evidence sufficiently made out by the papers.