

JONATHAN PEARCE.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 480.]

JULY 14, 1854.

Mr. A. STUART, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom were referred the petition and papers of Jonathan Pearce, ask leave to report :*

Jonathan Pearce was a private in Captain James Brown's company of Colonel Miller's regiment of Ohio militia, as substitute for his brother, who was drafted in August, 1812, at Zanesville, Ohio, and served six months, when he was honorably discharged. The original certificate of discharge is on file in the Pension Office in an application for bounty land. Pearce was one of a company despatched on an expedition against the Indians, and was absent eight days, and had food for five days only. In consequence of lack of food and exposure he took sick, and remained so for six weeks, then partially recovered, and served out his time. Soon afterwards his disease settled in his limbs, producing chronic rheumatism, and he has suffered from it ever since. For the last twenty or twenty-five years he has hobbled round on crutches; he is now aged 63, incurable, and a man of good character.

This is the substance of Pearce's declaration, and it is sustained by his fellow-soldiers, who have known him ever since 1812. Your committee, therefore, deem Mr. Pearce's case to be one entitled to favorable consideration, and therefore ask leave to introduce a bill.