

PETER NAVARRE.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 393.]

APRIL 11, 1864.—Ordered to be printed.

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

R E P O R T .

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

That Peter Navarre, the petitioner, is a grandson of Robert De Navarre, intendant and sub-delegate of Detroit, in the territory which now constitutes the State of Michigan, during the reign of Louis XV; that said Peter Navarre served under General Hull, as a scout, on the northwestern frontier; that said petitioner was among the prisoners at Hull's surrender at Detroit, and was sent home on parole; afterwards broke his parole, served General Winchester at River Raisin, gave him early information of the approach of the British army, took part in both actions of Colonel Lewis on the 18th of January, 1812, and the engagement of the next day, resulting in the defeat of the Americans; that at Major Madison's surrender, finding himself, by the violation of his parole, in a position in which his life was forfeited, he escaped from the British and Indians, incurring great hardships for many days in mid-winter, in travelling through the wilderness, returning to his home; that General Harrison, coming into the northwest with his army, sent for petitioner and engaged him as a scout, until the close of the war, for the sum of one dollar per day.

Petitioner was frequently sent by General Harrison, while in this service, with messages from one point to another, on one occasion going on foot to Urbana, in southern Ohio, through the wilderness, with a message to Governor Meigs, and again, on the day preceding the battle of Lake Erie, carrying a message from General Harrison, at Fort Seneca, to Commodore Perry, at Put-in-bay; that he was present and aided in the defence of Fort Stephenson, under Colonel Croghan, and accompanied the army on its march in pursuit of Proctor, and took part in the battle of the Thames.

Petitioner is now poor and old, (being in his 79th year,) and, in consequence of disabilities occasioned by long exposure while engaged in the arduous and exposed service, is, and has been for a number of years, unable to procure a livelihood for himself and family.

Your committee, in view of the facts above stated, and which are substantiated by proper affidavits, believe it to be a case of great merit, and unanimously recommend a bill granting him a pension, at eight dollars per month, during his natural life, commencing on the 1st day of January, A. D. 1863.