

L. S. DEARING.

MAY 2, 1874.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILLIAM B. WILLIAMS, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions and War of 1812, to whom was referred the memorial of William L. S. Dearing, for an increase of pension, make the following report :

The basis of the claim is that the memorialist served in the war of 1812 and the Seminole war; that in the latter war he held a higher rank than in the former war, and he asks that his pension be increased to that of the grade (or rank) held by him in the Seminole war.

As the act granting pensions to the soldiers of the war of 1812 is without reference to the rank of the soldier in that war, it would not appear to be proper to increase the rate for a soldier in that war for the reason assigned, or any other.

The committee therefore are of the opinion that the prayer should not be granted, and recommend that the memorial lie on the table.

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