

THOMAS ALLCOCK.

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MAY 8, 1880.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. MASON, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 190.]

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 190) granting a pension to Thomas Allcock, having had the same under consideration, beg leave to submit the following report:*

It appears that the petitioner is an invalid soldier of the Seminole war, having served as private, Company F, Third United States Artillery, and honorably discharged after three years' service. He applied for pension in 1852, and was informed that claim was not admissible on the proof under general law. On the 21st of June, 1872, there appears to have been an application filed by him alleging "that he served in said Florida war three years; that he received a sun-stroke while in said service, and while on duty as sentry on the 6th day of July, 1839; and that Thomas Haley, mentioned in the annexed affidavit, was present at the time; that in consequence of such sunstroke he was totally blind for six days, and has lost the sight of one eye entirely; that a written discharge was granted him by Maj. Thomas Childs, at Fort Pierce, Florida, which is in the department at Washington, filed on application for bounty-land."

The Adjutant-General's Office reports him sick in hospital at the time alleged by him; and there is ample proof in the case to show that it is a just and meritorious one, well worthy of consideration.

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, House of Representatives, reported favorably in the case as far back as February 4, 1858, and say then:

For this permanent injury to his eyes, rendering them perfectly useless for the remainder of his life, received in the service of his country, the committee think he is justly entitled, in some degree, to the consideration of the government.

Your committee at this time heartily renew this recommendation, and commend the passage of the bill (H. R. 190) granting a pension to Thomas Allcock.

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