

DELIA G. WEBBER.

JULY 2, 1884.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

MR. LAIRD, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 7504.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 7504) for the relief of Delia G. Webber, asking that a pension be granted to her, having had the same under consideration, report:*

The evidence in the case establishes that Delia G. Webber is the widow of Louis Webber, deceased; that she has three children, the oldest of whom is nineteen and the youngest thirteen years, the two youngest being girls; that she is destitute and was dependent upon her husband for support; that she is now 46 years of age and without other support for herself and children than her own labor.

Louis Webber was a civilian, employed by the Quartermaster's Department of the United States Army in the expedition against the hostile Modoc Indians, and on the 26th of April, 1873, while with others, attempting to recover the body of General Canby, was killed by said Indians.

The widow has urged her claim before the Pension Department, where it has been rejected because her husband was not in the military service of the United States.

Your committee are of the opinion that the circumstances warrant a departure from the rule granting pensions alone to those in the military service of the United States, and therefore submit the accompanying substitute bill and recommend that it do pass:

A BILL granting a pension to Delia G. Webber.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension-roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Delia G. Webber, widow of Louis Webber; and that the said Delia G. Webber and her children of a pensionable age receive the same pension which they would be entitled to if said Louis Webber had been a private soldier killed in the line of his duty, per month.*

SEC. 2. That paragraph three of section forty-six hundred and ninety-three of the Revised Statutes shall not operate to prevent the granting of the above pension.