

JACOB LUSKEY.

MARCH 16, 1882.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill H. R. 1411.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 1411) granting an increase of pension to Jacob Luskey, have considered the same, and report:

The said Luskey is now seventy-two years of age, and has served in the United States Army and Navy for more than twenty-five years. He was engaged in the Seminole war, in the naval attack on Vera Cruz, and participated in the march to the City of Mexico from Vera Cruz.

He now receives a pension at the rate of \$6 per month, which was conferred on him, not for disability received in the service, but because of the great number of years he served his country. He is an inmate of the United States Naval Asylum at Philadelphia, and separated from his wife and family.

He states that while in the service at the navy-yard at Washington, D. C., in June, 1842, he received a severe injury to his leg and other portions of his body from the accidental explosion of a shell. The circumstances of the accident and injury of claimant are substantiated by the evidence of Lieutenant Boutwell, late of the United States Navy.

Dr. A. W. Miller, of Philadelphia, testifies that claimant is entirely incapacitated for obtaining his subsistence by manual labor from effects of injuries received in the United States Navy in June, 1842, at the explosion referred to above.

The claimant asks an increase of pension, so that he may be enabled to leave the asylum and join his aged wife, and with her and in her society spend the short remnant of his life.

In view of his long service, and his great age, and the pathetic appeal the old sailor makes, the committee think his prayer should be granted, and recommend the passage of the bill increasing the pension to \$15 per month.