

ELIZA ATKINS MERCHANT.

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JULY 7, 1882.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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Mr. STONE, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6638.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6638) granting a pension to Eliza Atkins Merchant, have considered the same, and report:*

Mrs. Eliza Atkins Merchant is the widow of Capt. Charles G. Merchant, who was an officer in the United States Army, and was promoted for gallant and meritorious conduct in the Mexican war. Subsequently, in a fight with the Indians on the Mexican frontier, he was severely wounded by a rifle-ball in the neck, from which he never recovered. His widow is a lady of delicate health, and she has one child only, a young lady of poor health, who is dependent on her mother for support.

In consideration of the premises, the committee think that her pension should be increased, and they recommend the passage of the bill.

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