

MRS. ELIZA F. PORTER.

JUNE 23, 1882.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

R E P O R T :

[To accompany bill H. R. 6624.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4838) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Eliza F. Porter, having had the same under consideration, report as follows :

It appears from the evidence on file with this committee that the applicant, Mrs. Eliza F. Porter, is the widow of First Lieut. James E. Porter, of the Seventh United States Cavalry, who was killed in action June 25, 1876, while engaged with the Sioux Indians on Little Big Horn River, Montana Territory (Custer massacre).

The petitioner receives now the pension of a first lieutenant's widow, her only support (\$16 per month), and she has a boy nine years of age to support, and is herself a confirmed invalid, unable to do anything. She is at present living with her father and mother in Auburn, R. I., both of whom are hopeless invalids.

The battle in which Lieutenant Porter lost his life was one of the most heroic struggles that has ever cast luster on American arms. Every man was killed. Every man literally fought until he died, and died at the hands of merciless savages.

In consideration of the extraordinary circumstances attending this case, the committee recommend that the pension be increased to \$30 per month, and report herewith a substitute for bill H. R. 4838, which provides for an increase of pension as above stated.