
WILLIAM COMPTON.

MARCH 13, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 6574.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 6574) for the relief of William Compton, a soldier of the War of 1812, having considered the same, report as follows:

The official records show that William Compton was duly enlisted on the 30th of June, 1814, and served in Capt. Richard H. Bell's company, Thirty-ninth Regiment, United States Infantry, and was transferred to the Seventh United States Infantry, and after the treaty of peace he was sent in command to Creek Nation and was discharged at Saint Marks, Fla., June 29, 1819, from Captain Blackstone's company, Seventh United States Infantry, thus serving five years, being the entire time for which he enlisted.

On the 31st day of March, 1871, he filed an application for pension, and was allowed a pension of \$8 per month, commencing February 14, 1871, under the service-pension act of that date. On the 2d day of April, 1887, the pensioner applied for an increase, alleging blindness, deafness, nervousness, and general disability on account of extreme old age, being unable to perform any kind of manual labor.

As the service-pension act fixed the rate of pension at \$8 a month, and no provision being made for any increase over that amount, his application was rejected.

The soldier now appeals to Congress for relief, and asks that his pension be increased from \$8 per month (the rate he is now receiving) to \$25 a month.

He is now nearly ninety years of age; has no property; no one to care for him, and is totally unable to perform any kind of manual labor.

In view of the foregoing facts and in consideration of the soldier's long, faithful, and honorable service in behalf of his country, his extreme old age, his feeble condition, his poverty, and his high standing as a citizen, your committee recommend that the bill do pass.