

FLORENCE MURRAY.

MARCH 30, 1886.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 197.]

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to which was referred the bill (S.197) to increase the pension of Florence Murray, submits the following report:

This committee adopts the report of the Senate Committee on Pensions, which is appended hereto, and recommends the passage of the bill.

The claimant is the widow of Alexander Murray, late rear-admiral of the United States Navy, who died in the service November 10, 1884. The widow made application for a pension at the Department, and was placed on the pension-roll January 8, 1885, at the rate of \$30 per month, Certificate No. 3245. An abstract of the naval record of this distinguished officer has been furnished the committee, and is as follows:

Naval record of Rear-Admiral Alexander Murray, United States Navy, deceased. Compiled from official sources.

“Born in Pennsylvania; appointed from Pennsylvania August 22, 1835; attached to the West India squadron, 1836-’38; while in the West Indies, sailed in the Warren, Grampus, Constellation, St. Louis, and Vandalia; coast of Florida, Seminole war, 1839-’41; sailed in steamer Poinsett, cutter Van Buren, and served on the land in command of open boats; promoted to passed midshipman in 1841; coast of Florida, Seminole war, 1881-’42; Pacific squadron 1843-’45, in schooner Shark, frigate United States, and sloop of war Levant; Gulf of Mexico 1846, steamer Vixen, capture of Alvarado, Tobasco, Tuspan, Vera Cruz, and Tampico; slightly wounded at Alvarado; commissioned as lieutenant August 12, 1847. On razez Independence, Mediterranean squadron, 1849-’51; commanding United States steamer Fulton, West Indies, Vice-President King on board, 1852; receiving ship at Norfolk 1853; commanding steamer Bibb, Coast Survey, 1857-’59; United States ship Cumberland, home squadron 1859; commanding United States steamer Pocahontas 1860-’61; detached at Norfolk, Va., and at the firing on Fort Sumter rejoined the United States ship Cumberland without orders; burning of navy-yard; commanding steamer Louisiana, North Atlantic blockading squadron, 1861-’62; repulse of rebel steamer Yorktown, off Newport News, September, 1861; battle of Roanoke Island, February 8, 1862; battle of New Berne, N. C., February 14, 1862; battle of Elizabeth River with the fort and Lynch’s fleet; February 10, 1862, engagement with Wise’s division; battle of Winton, N. C., 1862; commanded naval forces at the repulse of rebels under Hill from New Berne, N. C., February 14, 1862; commanded a naval and military expedition up the York River and Pamunkey River, which was entirely successful, destroying twenty-

seven vessels, two large steamers among the number, approaching to within 11 miles of Richmond, in the month of May, 1862. This expedition was afloat, and the enemy in sight nearly all the time; commissioned as commander July 16, 1862; special duty in sounds of North Carolina, 1863; navy-yard, Portsmouth, N. H., 1864-'65; commanding special squadron to Russia, 1866-'67; commissioned as captain July 25, 1866; navy-yard, Philadelphia, 1868-'70; commissioned as commodore June 19, 1871; member Light-House Board 1873-'76; commissioned as rear-admiral April 26, 1876; commanding Pacific squadron, 1876-'78.

It is believed that the committee have uniformly recommended favorably the passage of bill providing for the increase asked in this case for the widows of rear-admirals, and they therefore report back this bill and recommend that it do pass.

