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MICHAEL HARGAIN.

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JULY 25, 1888.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 4575.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill granting a pension to Michael Hargain, have considered the same and report as follows:*

The claimant served in the United States Navy, in the Florida expedition from September 1, 1840, to June 30, 1841, in the capacity of boatswain's mate, seaman, and gunner. This service was rendered in the prosecution of the Florida Indian war, and Hargain was honorably discharged. He filed a claim for disability pension in 1886, but his claim was rejected on the ground that the claimant was unable to furnish evidence of officers and comrades to establish origin of the same during his naval service.

The claimant is sixty-nine years of age and is practically blind in the right eye. He is also severely disabled by disease and is without property of any kind, dependent upon his labor.

The claim falls within the provisions of the general bill for service pensions of the survivors of the Indian wars from 1832 to 1842, favorably reported by this committee at the present session of Congress.

Your committee are of the opinion that Mr. Hargain should have a service pension, and therefore recommend the passage of the bill, amended, however, by striking out the words "subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws," in lines 4 and 5, and inserting after the word "forth," in line 7, the words, "and pay him a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month."

