

C. J. JOHNSON.

MAY 9, 1890.—Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

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

ADVERSE REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 3529.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3529) granting a pension to C. J. Johnson, have considered the same, and report:

The claimant appears as a private on the roll of Capt. Hart Fellows's company of Col. Daniel Leibe's First Regiment Illinois Mounted Volunteers, enrolled June 17, 1831, at Rushville, Ill. (period of enlistment not stated), and mustered out July 2, 1831, at Rock Island, Ill.

The period for which he was paid is not distinctly stated; but he was paid for nine days' use and risk of a private horse. The bill proposes to pension the claimant for service in the Black Hawk War; but the service reported by the auditor and set forth above was rendered prior to the beginning of the Black Hawk War. It appears, however, that the so-called Sac and Fox Indian war was in progress at the time of claimant's service, and it is presumed that his enlistment was for service therein. Official Government reports show that the Sac and Fox Indian war of Illinois took place in June and July, 1831. It was local in its nature, and not recognized as approximating to actual warfare. There was no fighting.

The claimant asks that he be granted a pension at \$20 per month, declaring that he enlisted in the "Black Hawk War" in the spring of 1831, and that he was in the service between *three or four months*. His full name is Churchill J. Johnson. He is now eighty years old, and very feeble. About two years ago he married an aged widow who had 40 acres of hilly and broken land too poor for corn, and only about 15 acres can be plowed. He is the owner of no property and is too old and feeble to work.

The claimant's statements relative to age, disability, and poverty are corroborated by the affidavits of his neighbors and old acquaintances, Hiram Evans, John J. Brown, and M. M. Seely. Witness Brown testifies that he was in the service at the same time with claimant and that they were out about three months.

In view of the claimant's exceedingly short term of service and the fact that the same does not appear to have been rendered in a time of actual warfare your committee report the bill back with the recommendation that it lie upon the table.