

J. G. FETHERSTONE.

MAY 15, 1890.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. BROWNE, of Virginia, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5712.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5712) granting a pension to Jesse G. Fetherstone have considered the same, and report:

The claimant was a private in Captain Fletcher's company of the First Tennessee Mounted Volunteers, and served from June 18, 1836, to January 17, 1837, in the Creek and Seminole Indian war.

The claimant filed an application for pension June 9, 1883, alleging that while in the service and line of duty he received an injury of the right arm from a kick of a horse. This claim was rejected by the Pension Bureau June 30, 1885, upon the ground that there is no record of the alleged injury, and soldier's inability to prove it as the result of the service.

William E. Evans testifies he was a comrade of the claimant and saw him soon after receiving the alleged injury, and understood at the time that it was incurred as stated by the applicant.

Other evidence tending to show that the applicant has been a sufferer from an injury of the shoulder continuously since his said service was filed in the Pension Bureau.

It is shown that the claimant is now about seventy-five years old, very poor, and too feeble to earn anything to aid in his support.

Your committee are of the opinion that the claim is a meritorious one, and the bill is therefore reported back with the recommendation that it do pass.