

MAGGIE E. CALHOUN.

JUNE 30, 1892.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. WILSON, of Missouri, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5236.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5236) granting an increase of pension to Mrs. Maggie E. Calhoun, have given the same due consideration and report as follows:

James Calhoun, the deceased husband of the claimant, accepted an appointment as second lieutenant Thirty-second Infantry October 1, 1867; transferred to Twenty-first Infantry April 19, 1869; became unassigned October 29, 1870; assigned to Seventh Cavalry January 1, 1871; promoted to first lieutenant January 9, 1871; and was killed June 25, 1876, in action with Sioux Indians on Little Big Horn River, Montana.

Mrs. Calhoun, who is now about 40 years old and without minor children, is receiving the pension of a first lieutenant's widow (\$17 per month) under the general law.

The following statement relative to the merits of the bill was filed with your committee:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES,
Washington, D. C., March 11, 1892.

DEAR SIR: During a recent visit to Michigan I made inquiry as to the financial condition of Mrs. Maggie E. Calhoun, in whose interest bill No. 5236 is offered for increase of pension.

I learned from a neighbor of Mrs. Calhoun that her only income is the small pension she now draws, and the avails of her labor.

Mrs. Calhoun's husband was killed in the battle of Little Big Horn. He was a gallant soldier, and I trust the Congress of the United States will grant her the pension provided in the bill No. 5236.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

JAMES O'DONNELL, M. C.

Hon. R. P. C. WILSON,
Chairman Committee on Pensions.

After careful consideration your committee recommend the passage of the bill with an amendment fixing the rate of pension at \$20 per month.

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