

STERLING KINGSLEY.

JULY 2, 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. 2396.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2396) granting a pension to Sterling Kingsley, have considered the same and report:

The records of the Second Auditor's Office, Treasury Department, show that the claimant served from March 29, 1839, to June 20, 1839, in Capt. I. H. Byrd's company, Seventh Regiment, First Brigade, Florida Mounted Volunteers, Florida Indian war; also that he served from July 20, 1839, to November 21, 1839, in Capt. James B. Johnson's company, Florida Mounted Militia, in the same war.

On February 25, 1888, he filed an application at the Pension Bureau declaring that while serving as above he incurred rupture of right side and blind piles from hard riding; also that about the same time he incurred impaired sight and hearing caused by exposure and hardships incident to the service.

Some testimony was submitted in support of this claim, but not sufficient to meet the requirements of the Pension Bureau, and the applicant now swears he can furnish no more. He further swears that owing to old age and infirmity he is not able to labor sufficiently to support himself and his afflicted wife who has been unable to walk for nineteen years; also that he has no means of support except a small farm and hired help. He is now about 77 years old.

A petition, signed by thirteen citizens of Brooks County, Ga., recites that the claimant is old, feeble, and unable to make a living for himself and helpless wife; also that he has not the means to support himself without his labor, a small farm and hired labor being his only source of support.

Your committee recommend that the bill be amended so as to spell the claimant's name "Sterling Kingsley," and to change the date of the war in which he served to "1839," and that the bill do pass as so amended.