

JOHN A. DEAN.

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JULY 14, 1892.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 2606.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2606) granting a pension to John A. Dean, have considered the same, and report:

The facts being fully stated in Senate report No. 509, which accompanies the bill, your committee adopt the same as their report and return the bill with a favorable recommendation.

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[Senate Report No. 509; Fifty-second Congress, first session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2606) granting a pension to John A. Dean, of Island Grove, Fla., have examined the same, and report:

The said John A. Dean enlisted as a private in Capt. Ledwith's company of Florida Mounted Volunteers, engaged in the service of the United States in the war against the hostile Indians of Florida in 1840 and 1841. The evidence shows that he enlisted on the 21st of August, 1840, and that he served until the 23d of March, 1841, at which time he was honorably discharged from said service.

The claimant filed application for a pension on account of rheumatism and deafness incurred while in the service on account of exposure therein, in the Pension Bureau, but the same was rejected on account of failure of proof of incurrence of the injury while in the military service, and there is no general provision of law under which he might be granted relief on account of military service alone. We think, however, that the volunteers who rendered service in the Florida Indian wars ought to be recognized by the Government in the same way as those who served in the war with Mexico or in the late war.

This claimant was in active service seven months, was honorably discharged, and he is now seventy-six years old, in very needy circumstances, suffering both from rheumatism and deafness, almost wholly disabled from performing any kind of labor.

Your committee think the claim in the case is just and meritorious, and therefore recommend the passage of the bill.

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