IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. 150.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 150) granting increase of pension to Sarah Denny Ripley, widow of Brig. Gen. James W. Ripley, have examined the same, and recommend its passage.

General Ripley entered the service June 1, 1814; was retired September 15, 1863, and died March 15, 1870. His widow was pensioned at \$30 per month. She is dependent upon it for support, and increasing feebleness renders the customary increase in such cases only an act of justice.

General Ripley rendered distinguished service in every war in which his country was engaged with civilized men and the Indian tribes from the last contest with Great Britain until his death. The Ordnance Department never possessed an abler officer in this, if in any other, country.