

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 15, 1888.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 2928.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 2928) granting a pension to William Lemons, have examined the same and report:*

The House of Representatives passed this bill on the 4th of May on the following report, which is adopted:

William Lemons, a colored man, now nearly ninety years of age, formerly a slave, removed with his master, John Lemons, from North Carolina to Williamson County, Tenn., early in the present century. When about sixteen years old he was hired to Capt. Glen Owens, who carried him as a servant on a six months' campaign against the Indians, with the troops under General Andrew Jackson, and was present at the battles of Talladega, Horse Shoe, and Hickory Flats. On returning home he was made a drummer and returned to the Army with Captain Owens. William Lemons was then valued at \$475, at Clover Bottom, Tenn., to be paid to his master, in the event that the former should be killed. He then marched with his company to Fayetteville, Ala., where he joined the regiment of which James Lauderdale was lieutenant-colonel. The drum-major of the regiment having been killed at Fort Mimms, William Lemons was made drum-major and served in that capacity to the end of the campaign.

He marched with the regiment to Pensacola, and thence to Mobile, and thence to New Orleans. He participated in the engagement with the British near New Orleans on the 23d day of December, 1814, where he was shot through the right leg and was slightly wounded in the left temple. He saw Colonel Lauderdale killed. He was then sent to the hospital in New Orleans, and in a short time became convalescent and was an eye-witness to the battle of New Orleans, January 8, 1815. These facts are based upon the sworn testimony of the claimant, who bears an irreproachable character. He is now very old and dependent, and only asks for the small amount of \$8 per month.

Your committee is satisfied that William Lemons has made a truthful statement, and recommend the passage of the bill with the following amendment: Strike out all of said bill after the word "twelve," in line 7.

The bill is reported favorably, with a recommendation that it do pass.