

## MESSAGE

FROM THE

# PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

RETURNING

*Senate bill No. 470, with his objections thereto.*

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JULY 16, 1888.—Read and referred to the Committee on Pensions and ordered to be printed.

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*To the Senate:*

I return without approval Senate bill number four hundred and seventy, entitled "An act granting a pension to Amanda F. Deck."

The husband of this beneficiary was pensioned for a gunshot wound in his right shoulder which he received in 1864 in a battle with Indians.

The report of the committee to which the bill was referred states nothing concerning the death of the soldier, and gives no information as to the date or cause of the same; and the recommendation that a pension should be given the widow is based upon the service and injury of the soldier and the circumstances of the beneficiary.

No claim was filed in the Pension Bureau on behalf of the widow. This perhaps is accounted for by the fact that information is lodged in that Bureau to the effect that the deceased soldier died on the twenty-first day of September, 1883, "from a pistol ball fired by Luther Cultor."

If he was killed in a personal encounter, as the report of his death would seem to indicate, I am unable to see how his death can be in any way attributed to his military service, or his widow be justly pensioned therefor.

GROVER CLEVELAND.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, July 16, 1888.

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[Fiftieth Congress of the United States of America, at the first session, begun and held at the city of Washington, on Monday, the 5th day of December, 1887.]

### AN ACT GRANTING A PENSION TO AMANDA F. DECK.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension-roll, subject to the provisions and limitations

## AMANDA F. DECK.

of the pension laws, the name of Amanda F. Deck, of Putnam County, Missouri, widow of William C. Deck, late a private in Company L, First Colorado Cavalry Volunteers, who was a pensioner at the time of his death, under pension certificate numbered one hundred and thirteen thousand five hundred and twenty-one.

JOHN G. CARLISLE,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN J. INGALLS,

*President of the Senate pro tempore.*

I certify that this act originated in the Senate.

ANSON G. MCCOOK,

*Secretary.*

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