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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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

**REPORT:**

[To accompany bill H. R. 1071.]

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill granting a pension to John Hancock, have examined the same, and report:*

John Hancock, the applicant in this case, served from June 13, 1836, to January 14, 1837, a period of six months, in the Seminole war. It does not appear from papers submitted that he has ever suffered from injuries sustained in the service. On the contrary, he bases his claim entirely upon the fact that he is now seventy-two years of age and in embarrassed circumstances and suffering from physical infirmities incident to old age.

In the opinion of your committee the facts in this case do not afford a sufficient reason for the granting of a pension. We therefore recommend that the bill be not passed.

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