

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 22, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 9948.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9948) granting a pension to Mrs. Matilda Kent, have examined the same and report:

That from the facts stated in the House Report herein, which is hereto attached and approved, we believe this to be a meritorious claim, and do recommend the passage of the bill.

[House Report No. 3265, Fifty-first Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 9948) granting a pension to Mrs. Matilda Kent, have considered the same and report as follows:

The claimant's late husband, Jesse Kent, deceased, was a private in Capt. S. Mann's company (company during a part of its period of service also being commanded by Capt. John B. Strong), of Georgia Volunteers, and served from February 8, 1818, to May 22, 1818, in the Florida Indian war.

It is shown by the testimony of Samuel H. Brodnax, Augustus W. Clay, Dr. R. A. Hammonds, and Robert A. England, citizens of Walton and De Kalb Counties, Georgia, that Mrs. Kent is physically unable to do anything towards supporting herself, and the only property possessed by her is a farm of about \$500 in value which is mortgaged for all it is worth. This farm is very poor land and only a few acres of it is fit for cultivation, and from this she does not derive enough income to make her comfortable. She has no other source of income.

Your committee believe the case to be a meritorious one, and they therefore return the bill with the recommendation that it do pass, amended so as to allow a pension of \$12 per month; also by striking out the word "Wilcox's" in line 7, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "Mann's;" also by striking out the word "twelve" in line 8, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "eighteen."