

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

FEBRUARY 18, 1891.—Ordered to be printed.

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

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 12864.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12864) granting a pension to Joseph Smith, have examined the same and report:

From the facts stated in the House report, which is approved, attached, and made a part hereof, we believe this bill to be a meritorious one and do recommend its passage.

[House Report No. 3690, Fifty-first Congress, second session.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 12864) granting a pension to Joseph Smith, have given the same due consideration and report as follows.

The claimant, Joseph Smith, was a private in Capt. Jesse D. Finley's company of Tennessee Volunteers, and served from June 13, 1836, to January 14, 1837, in the Florida Indian war.

In his petition for relief Mr. Smith declares that he is 74 years old and has no means of support, but is dependent upon charity for maintenance; also that on account of old age and feeble health he can do no manual labor.

His post-office address is Gallatia, Saline County, Ill.

The claimant's statements are substantiated in every particular by the testimony of Mr. M. W. Pemberton and Hansford Dudley, citizens in good standing of Saline County, Ill.

The passage of the bill, with an amendment to fix the rate of pension at \$12 per month, is recommended.