

CAPT. WILLIAM FLETCHER.

APRIL 29, 1892.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HULL, from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 4114.]

The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4114) to place the name of Capt. William Fletcher on the retired list of the U. S. Army with the rank and pay of major, submit the following report:

Capt. William Fletcher entered the service on the 10th of June, 1846; served in the First and Second Ohio Volunteers through the entire war with Mexico; was discharged July 26, 1848; enlisted in the First Regiment United States Artillery, December 9, 1848, and served in that regiment until the 9th of October, 1858, most of which time he was engaged in Texas scouting hostile Indians, and was mentioned by name in General Orders, headquarters Department of Texas, September 13, 1856, and in General Orders No. 14, Headquarters of the Army, November 13, 1857, for gallant services in affairs with Indians.

In June, 1859, he entered the Eighth United States Infantry and served in that regiment until the 29th of October, 1861, when (upon the recommendation of all the officers serving with the battalion, and Gen. Scott, Andrew Porter, and McClennan) he was appointed second lieutenant Eleventh United States Infantry, with this character on his discharge as an enlisted man:

CHARACTER.

His character as a man and a soldier has made him a commissioned officer in the regular Army.

GEO. L. WILLARD,
Commanding Battalion Eighth Infantry.

He served in the Eleventh United States Infantry as second and first lieutenant until the 21st of September, 1866, when, by reorganization of the Army, he was transferred to the Twentieth Infantry, in which regiment he became captain on the 2d of November, 1866, in which grade he served until retired August 31, 1887, a period of over forty years in active service, twenty years of which as a captain.

Capt. Fletcher served nearly the entire forty years in active service, going through two wars, and many years of Indian wars and frontier service, and was brevetted August 30, 1862, for gallant and meritorious service at the second battle of Bull Run. His service has been long, arduous, and faithful, until long service compelled him to retire.

As a number of captains have been, during the past two years, retired as majors, whose service did not much exceed half that of Capt. Fletcher's, it seems but just to an old and faithful officer that his services be as fully recognized as theirs.

In view of the facts above set forth, and the record of the War Department hereto attached and made part of this report, your committee recommend that the bill do pass.

Statement of the military service of William Fletcher, of the United States Army, compiled from the records of this office.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, April 19, 1892.

VOLUNTEER RECORD.

He served as private Company G, First Ohio Infantry, June 10, 1846, to June 14, 1847, and as private and corporal Company A, Second Ohio Infantry, July 31, 1847, to July 26, 1848.

REGULAR ARMY RECORD.

He served as private and corporal Company F, First Artillery, from December 6, 1848, to October 9, 1858, and as private and sergeant Company F, Eighth Infantry, from June 23, 1859, to November 1, 1861.

He was appointed second lieutenant Eleventh Infantry October 29, 1861; first lieutenant March 12, 1862; transferred to Twentieth Infantry September 21, 1866; captain, November 2, 1866. He was quartermaster of the first battalion, Eleventh Infantry from July 1, 1863, to September 21, 1866. He received the brevet of captain August 30, 1862, "for gallant and meritorious services in the second battle of Bull Run, Virginia."

He joined his regiment November 5, 1861, and served with it in Maryland to December 2, 1861; on recruiting service to May 13, 1862; with regiment in the Army of the Potomac to February, 1864; on recruiting service to May 6, 1864; on mustering and disbursing duty to December, 1864; with regiment in Maryland and in the Army of the Potomac to May, 1865; at Richmond, Va., to January, 1867; in Louisiana to March, 1867; superintendent of military cemeteries in the Department of the Gulf to May 12, 1868; with company at Baton Rouge, La., to April, 1869, and in Minnesota to December 5, 1871; on leave to January 5, 1872; with company in Minnesota to September 15, 1872; and in Dakota to July 11, 1874; on leave to September 4, 1874; with company in Dakota to October 29, 1876; on leave to January 14, 1877; with company in Dakota to December 17, 1877, and in Texas to January 24, 1880; on leave to April 17, 1880; with company in Texas to October 23, 1881; on court-martial duty at Fort Davis, Tex., to December 15, 1881; with company in Kansas to October 2, 1882, and in the Indian Territory to September 8, 1883; on recruiting service to October 4, 1885; with company at Fort Assiniboine, Mont., to (being sick in quarters December 24, 1886, to January, 1887, and April 19 to July 5, 1887) July 5, 1887. He was retired from active service August 31, 1887, at his own request, after forty years' service, under the act of June 30, 1882.

J. C. KELTON,
Adjutant-General.