

SARAH BARNEY.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 427.]

JANUARY 18, 1838.

Mr. FRY, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Sarah Barney, of New Haven, Connecticut, beg leave to report:

That the petitioner sets forth that her husband, Samuel Barney, enlisted in the service of the United States, in Captain Trowbridge's company, in May, 1775, and served with him till the 6th of September of the same year; that he then went to Lexington, and enlisted with Captain Hauchett, to go with General Arnold to Quebec, and suffered extremely from the severity of the climate and season in that tour; that he was in the battle of Quebec, and assisted in conveying his wounded General from the field; that he served there until the 27th May, 1776, and was then discharged; that in August, 1778, he was married to the petitioner; that in March, after their marriage, he sailed for the West Indies, with Captain Trowbridge, and was taken prisoner by the British, and put on board the "*Jersey prison-ship*," and was retained a prisoner till August, 1779, when he was exchanged, and returned home; that the petitioner was obliged, while her husband was detained a prisoner, and when she was in an advanced state of pregnancy, to fly from place to place on foot; that her husband died in 1805, and she has remained a widow ever since.

The evidence submitted consists mainly of ancient records, one of which is as follows:

"Permit the bearers, Samuel Barney and William Clarke, sailors, late prisoners, come out of New York in exchange, to pass from this port to New Haven, in Connecticut, unmolested; they behaving as becometh.

JOHN ADAM,
D. C. Prisoners.

ELIZABETHTOWN, 12th June, 1779.

To all concerned."

Another of these records is a roll of the corps in which he served, and to the name of each one is respectively marked whether he was "*killed*," "*wounded*," "*taken prisoner*," or "*returned*."

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Another of these papers is in these words :

“ I do certify that Samuel Barney entered with Captain Hauchett, under the detachment of Brigadier General Arnold, the 6th September, 1775, and hath drawn pay in said company from said day until discharged.

JAMES KNOWLES,

Lieutenant in said company.

NEW HAVEN, *July 20, 1776.*”

Another of these documents contains an account made and kept by the said Samuel Barney, in his own handwriting, and is dated May 16th, 1777, and is in these words :

“ Account of wages due me. I *listed* with Captain Caleb Trowbridge, in May 1775, and served with him till September 6, 1775, and then I *listed* with Captain Oliver Hauchett, to go with Colonel Arnold to Quebec. Captain Trowbridge paid me for May, June, and July, but for August I never got nothing ; I served at Quebec till May 27, 1776, when I got my discharge from Brigadier General Arnold, at Montreal, and never had any thing allowed me to travel home with to New Haven.

SAMUEL BARNEY.”

“ Same day, to wit, May 16, 1777, the said Samuel Barney appeared before Eneas Mauson, Esq., and made oath to the truth of the above statement.

ENEAS MAUSON,

Justice of the Peace.”

A certificate from the pastor of the first church in New Haven accompanies the papers, by which it appears that Samuel Barney and Sarah Bassett were married August 20th, 1778.

The objections made by the Commissioner of Pensions is that the service was performed prior to the marriage ; the service after the marriage was that of privateer, being that kind of service for which the Department, cannot grant a pension.

Eneas Mauson testifies that he was in the revolutionary war ; that he knew Samuel Barney then ; that the said Barney served in the northern department, and his services did not come under deponent's notice, but recollects that Barney had the name of being an “ *unflinching veteran in the cause of his country.*” He also knows the handwriting of his father, whose name is attached to the above statement of the services of Samuel Barney, and says that it is his handwriting, and that his said father was at the time an acting justice of the peace. The committee report a bill for one year.