

JAMES MAINS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 269.]

MAY 9, 1850.

Mr. HAY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Mains, report:*

That, from the evidence submitted, it appears that the petitioner enlisted as a private soldier in the service of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain, in the early part of March, 1814, and was attached to Captain Joshua Danforth's company, (Colonel Denny McCobb's regiment,) and, while on duty as guard in the night-time, in the latter part of the month of May, at Bath, he was knocked down by a blow from a club, or stone, from some person unknown, which blow fractured the bones of the head near and over the left temple; that he was immediately conveyed to the house of the surgeon of the regiment, when his wounds were dressed, but he was unable to perform any duty for some time after; that he marched with his regiment to Plattsburg, arrived there on the 7th of September, and was in the battle on the 11th of that month; that he remained in the service until June, 1815, when he was discharged. The petitioner also states that he has suffered very much from the effects of the wound ever since it was received; that it disables him from working at his usual occupation the greater part of the time, and that, as his age increases, it becomes more troublesome.

Colonel Denny McCobb certifies that the petitioner was a private in Captain Joshua Danforth's company, in the 45th regiment of United States infantry, during the late war with Great Britain; that he served faithfully from the time of his enlistment until the first day of June, 1815, at which time he was honorably discharged; that some time in the month of May, 1814, at Bath, in the State of Maine, while on guard in the line of his duty, he was knocked down by a blow on his head from some person unknown, and was reported to him by the officer of the guard, as appears from the records of the regiment.

John Harrington was a corporal in the same company with James Mains, (the petitioner,) and was the officer on duty at the time he received his wound; he corroborates the statements of the petitioner in relation to the facts set forth in his petition.

Your committee, believing him entitled to a pension, have reported a bill for his relief.

REPORT

Mr. H. V. from the Committee on Foreign Relations made the following

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the petition of James James, citizen

That from the evidence submitted, it appears that the petitioner enlisted as a private soldier in the service of the United States during the late war with Great Britain in the early part of March, 1814, and was detached to General James Donnell's company, Colonel Henry M. Lewis's regiment, and while on duty as guard in the night line, in the latter part of the month of May, he fell, he was knocked down by a blow from a side of a musket from some person unknown, which fell within the lines of the line near and over the left flank, and he was immediately conveyed to the house of the surgeon of the regiment, where his wounds were dressed, but he was unable to perform any duty for some time, and he remained with his regiment at Fort Mifflin, where on the 17th of May he was discharged, and was in the hands of the British on the 26th of May, and remained in the service until that date, when he was discharged. The petitioner also states that he has suffered very much from the effects of the wound, and since it was received, that it troubles him from working in the usual occupation of the greater part of the time, and that he has been unable to perform any business.

General Henry Donnell certifies that the petitioner was a private in the 1st Regiment of the 1st Infantry, in the 1st Regiment of United States Infantry, during the late war with Great Britain, that he served faithfully from the time of his enlistment until the first day of June, 1814, at which time he was honorably discharged, and some time in the month of May, 1814, at Fort Mifflin, in the State of Pennsylvania, while on duty in the night line, he was knocked down by a blow on the head from some person unknown, and was reported to him by the officer of the guard, as having been the means of the regiment.

John Livingston was a private in the same company with James James (the petitioner), and was the officer on duty at the time he received the wound, he certifies that the statements of the petitioner in relation to the facts set forth in his petition.

Part of the committee, having been entitled to a position, have signed a bill for the relief of