

JOHN H. HICKS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 377.]

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JUNE 10, 1854.

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

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of John H. Hicks, for an invalid pension, beg leave to report :*

That the said Hicks entered the service of his country as a private soldier in July or August, 1814, in the Virginia militia regiment, under Captain Henry Welch, and that he continued in service for six months, and was discharged in January or February, 1815; that during the time he was in said service, a rheumatic disease attacked him, which has continued until he has become entirely helpless; that the only proof which he can give of these facts is the affidavit of a fellow-soldier, Henry Kyle; the officers of his command being deceased, and his comrades, other than said Kyle, dispersed. The said Kyle, by his oath, (his character for truth and veracity being duly testified to) says that he knew the said Hicks as a healthy and able man before he entered the service, and believes that he contracted the disease by which he is now totally disabled while in the said service; that he, the said Kyle, was with the said Hicks in service, and in the same company; that he knows no one now living who was with them. Two physicians, who are proved to be men of the profession, certify to the fact of the disability of said Hicks; and Hon. Mr. Dunham, of Indiana, says that he is personally acquainted with the said Hicks, and represents him to be a man of great integrity of character; that the said Hicks has, through the Pension Office, obtained for his services the bounty land bestowed by Congress upon soldiers of the late war; and that pride has prevented him, the said Hicks, from applying for relief from Congress until this time, when he has been driven to it by the most dire necessity; and your committee having, after due investigation, become satisfied that the petitioner is entitled to the relief for which he seeks, recommend the passage of the accompanying bill.

