

STEPHEN COOPER.

FEBRUARY 15, 1890.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed.

Mr. DE LANO, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill H. R. 3961.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 3961) granting increase of pension to Stephen Cooper, have considered the same and beg leave to report:

The claimant served in Capt. S. Cooper's company, Missouri militia, from August 27 to October 25, 1814, war of 1812. He is now a pensioner under the act of February 14, 1871, at \$8 per month. He asks an increase to \$50 per month, declaring that he is now ninety-three years old and dependent upon relatives for the necessaries of life.

He states that his father and three cousins were killed and two other cousins wounded in said war; also that a large amount of property was taken from his family during said war, and nothing ever paid for it. He states he also served in 1832 in the Black Hawk war, under Captain Matison. Hon. Marion Biggs, Representative in Congress from the State of California, certifies to the high character and entire reliability of the applicant. Mr. Biggs has known the claimant for over twenty-five years. Believing this to be a deserving case your committee recommend the passage of the bill.