Of the committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, on the petition of John Clark.

DECEMBER 9, 1818.
Read and ordered to lie upon the table.

The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Clark,

REPORT—

The petitioner states that on the first of July, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, he was commissioned by the continental Congress a lieutenant in the army then raised; and in September following, marched with a detachment under command of colonel Arnold, for Quebec; that he commanded the advance guard, by order of colonel Arnold, that attacked the lower town at four o'clock in the morning of the first of January, 1776; and was taken prisoner with others that had passed the first barrier, that he was detained a prisoner more than seven months; afterwards returned on parole and came to Elizabethtown in New Jersey, on the twenty-fourth September, 1776; that he was paid to the tenth of October following; was afterwards exchanged, and afterwards received from the committee of appointment, the appointment to be a captain on the thirteenth of March, 1777; that he recruited part of a company, and joined the army under general St. Clair retreating from Ticonderoga in June, and continued with the army until about the tenth of August, when he went home, and rejoined the army immediately after the battle at Beem's heights, on the nineteenth September; that he afterwards left general Gates in Albany, some time in November, 1777; that he received no pay for his services after the said tenth of October, 1776, except thirteen dollars and thirty-three cents. That in the Canada campaign, at the time of imprisonment, he lost his gun, accoutrements, and valuable military clothing; and he therefore, in the evening of life, and in indigent circumstances, prays that such a sum may be granted to him as will repair his losses, and recompense him for his services.

The committee further report that the petition is not accompanied with sufficient testimony; that the claim set up by the petitioner is long since barred by the statute of limitation, and therefore submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.