

## REPORT

*Of the Committee on Pensions and Revolutionary Claims on the petition of John Guthry, accompanied with a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of John Guthry, deceased.*

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JANUARY 31, 1822.

Read, and, with the bill, committed to a committee of the whole House to-morrow.

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The Committee of Pensions and Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the petition of John Guthry, have had the same under consideration, and

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That the petitioner states, that he was a soldier of the Revolution, and served in the army of the United States during the greater part of the struggle for independence; that, in consideration of his military services, he obtained two final settlement certificates, one for eighty dollars, dated 2d August, 1784, the other for one hundred and twenty-three dollars and thirty cents, dated the 3d August, 1784, and on these certificates he drew, on the 29th day of December, 1788, three years interest, to the amount of thirty-six dollars and  $\frac{5}{9}$ ths, as will appear from the certificate of James Hopkins, commissioner of loans for Virginia, dated October 19th, 1791, (and which is made, and is to be considered, as a part of this report) through Zachariah Johnson, who, your committee presume, was authorized to receive the interest accruing on said certificates; that afterwards he became deranged, and in a fit of insanity he destroyed the certificates, as is presumed, from the testimony of Isaac M'Clure, David M'Clure, and John Guthry, jun. accompanying the petition. Your committee further report, that it appears, from the certificate of Joseph Nourse, register, dated at the Treasury Department, January 12th, 1821, that certificate No. 78,781, dated August 3d, 1784, issued to John Guthry, for one hundred twenty-three dollars and thirty cents, bearing interest from the 1st January, 1788, remains outstanding and unpaid; that the petitioner states he applied at the office of the Treasury for payment of his claim, under an act of Congress which took effect the 13th of April, 1818, but was informed that the same could not then be adjusted, inasmuch as the certificates themselves were not produced. The circumstances attending and connected with the loss of the certificates, and it appearing that certificate No. 17,781, issued in the name of John Guthry, is outstanding and unpaid, have induced your committee to report a bill authorizing the payment of said certificate.

