

ELIZABETH MAYS.

MARCH 7, 1828.

Mr. HOFFMAN, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Elizabeth Mays, made the following

REPORT :

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to which was referred the petition of Elizabeth Mays, report :

That, from the proofs in this case, it appears that the petitioner is old, poor, unable to maintain herself; a widow, and the mother of Wilson Mays, deceased; that the said Wilson Mays enlisted in the Naval service of the United States, as an ordinary seaman, on the 16th of July, 1812, was promoted to a carpenter's mate, and held that station when he was killed on the 10th of September, 1813, on board the *Lawrence*, without leaving a widow or issue, and that his mother received half of his monthly pay, by *allotment*, at the time of his death.

The committee are of opinion that the facts in this case come strictly within the rule adopted by the last Congress, in granting a pension to Penelope Denny; and, therefore, report a bill granting to Mrs. Mays a pension equal to one-half the pay of her son; to be paid out of the Navy pension fund, half-yearly, for five years, with the usual limitations.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
5th March, 1828.

SIR: In answer to the inquiries contained in your letter of 25th February last, I have the honor to state, that Wilson Mays entered the Naval service of the United States, as an ordinary seaman, on the 16th of July, 1812; was promoted to Carpenter's mate, and held that station when he was killed, on the 10th September, 1813, on board the *Lawrence*; and that his mother received half his monthly pay, by *allotment*, at the time of his death.

I am, very respectfully,
SAML. L. SOUTHARD.

Hon. MICHAEL HOFFMAN,
Chairman Naval Committee, House of Representatives.

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