IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

APRIL 8, 1830.

Read, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Chase made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the resolution of the Senate of the 18th ultimo, instructing the committee to inquire into the expediency of granting a pension to Isaac Pinney, a Revolutionary soldier, report:

That the committee are assured from the War Department that the said Isaac Pinney served more than nine months as a soldier on the continental establishment, in the Revolutionary war.

On the 2d August, 1820, the said Pinney exhibited his schedule, containing 700 dollars in real estate, and $420 54 in personal property; amounting in the whole to $1,120 59. He also stated that he owed $320 59 to several persons, whom he named in his schedule; that he was by occupation a farmer; that his health was poor, and that he was almost wholly unable to labor; that he was deafened at the taking of Stony Point; that his family consisted of himself, his wife, aged 56 years, infirm, and able to do but little, a daughter aged 24 years, who had been sick for four or five years, and unable to do anything towards earning a living; one son, 16 years old, in good health, and his oldest son, 34 years old, his wife and four children, all in good health.

The said Isaac further stated, that his said oldest son, 13 years previous to the date of said schedule, being then of full age, undertook to assist the said Isaac to manage the property and business of the said Isaac, to live with him, and assist him to support his family, and bring up the children until they were of age to take care of themselves; that he should help to pay the debts which the said Isaac then owed; and that the said Isaac agreed on his part to give him one undivided half of his farm, and on his son’s performing on his part he should have the whole of the property. That his said oldest son had performed thus far, and had resided with him for 13 years; during which time his three oldest daughters had married and left his family, and his sons had also gone, except the two youngest; that for ten years he had had much sickness in his family, and had been almost wholly supported by the labor and exertions of his said oldest son; and that the property mentioned in said schedule, according to his said contract, and in justice, was the property of his said oldest son; but as no deed or writings had been executed, he had put
it into the said schedule with the said explanation. All the property which
had been acquired by his said son, and which was possessed by them in com-
mon, was also inserted.

On the third Monday of September, 1823, the said Issaac Pinney pre-
sented his second schedule, in which he exhibits a list of articles of personal
property to the amount of $107.94, and states that, on the 1st day of said
September he sold and deeded his half of said farm to his sons, Dan and
Johnney Pinney, for $357; that he had received his pay in a bond from the
grantees to pay certain debts which he owed, and which he had no other
way or means to discharge; he gives a list of said debts, which amount to
$351.55. He states that he and his oldest son, Isaac Pinney, jr. had divid-
ed their personal property, and that his half was exhibited in the last afore-
said schedule, which, after the charges above mentioned, and other charges
accounted for, and stated in said schedule, amounted to the aforesaid sum of
$107.94, which was all the property he owned.

At that time his family consisted of his wife, aged 58 years, who was fee-
ble and unable to take care of herself, his daughter, Betsey, aged 26 years;
that he was himself infirm and unable to labor in his occupation, which was
that of a farmer. The said Isaac Pinney has forwarded ample proof of his
services, and of the truth of all the facts and statements set forth in his seve-
ral schedules, and that his disposition of his property was made, bona fide,
for the payment of his just debts, and for the necessary support of himself
and family. He has been denied a restoration to the pension list, because
his original contract with his sons was not a written one.

The committee are of opinion that the said Isaac Pinney is entitled to re-
lief.