

ELISHA LUCAS.

FEBRUARY 11, 1834.

Mr. DEMING, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred a resolution, instructing them to inquire into the expediency of placing the name of Elisha Lucas on the roll of revolutionary pensioners, report:

That it appears that the said Elisha Lucas enlisted into the revolutionary army on the continental establishment, in the Massachusetts line, in the year 1780, and that he served agreeably to the terms of said enlistment, until twelve days before the expiration of his term of service, when he was discharged at West Point, in the State of New York, and the twelve days then remaining of his term were allowed him for his return home, calculating the distance at two hundred and forty miles, and allowing at the rate of twenty miles per day for travel. It is understood that the Commissioner of Pensions declines allowing the claim of the applicant, on the ground that under the act of June 7, 1832, "no allowance is made for the time occupied in travelling to and from the place of rendezvous and discharge." The committee are of opinion that the service of the applicant was understood at the time as a full compliance with his engagement for the term of six months, and that, by a liberal and just construction of the act of June 7, 1832, the applicant ought to be placed on the pension roll as for a service of six months. They accordingly report a bill in his favor.

