

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

AUGUST 11, 1842.

Ordered to be printed.—To accompany bill H. R. 163.

Mr. SEVIER submitted the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 163) for the relief of Samuel Patch, report:

The petitioner enlisted in the company of Captain Burbank (Colonel Brewer's regiment, Massachusetts line), on the 25th of February, 1777, for the war, served upward of two years, and by the rolls of the Massachusetts' service he is marked as "deserted," March 22, 1780. The principal ground of extermination for this great military delinquency is, that he obtained a furlough from his commanding officer for forty days, and during his return, he was called on to assist in raising a barn at Ipswich, where he dislocated his shoulder; that he, however, proceeded as far as Boston, where he met, as he says, an officer of his regiment, who advised him to return home and get well, and "before his shoulder got strong, the during-the-war's men were discharged." These allegations are not sufficiently established. The furlough spoken of is not produced, because, as alleged, the judge before whom he made a declaration, under the act of 1818, did not return it.

As there was a violation of contract on the part of a war's man, by whose own statement it appears also he was not injured in the line of his duty as a soldier, and as a soldier, by the delinquency of not returning to duty, incurred the odium of desertion, the committee do not deem it proper to advise a relaxation of the rigid military regulations to the conferring of benefits upon deserters. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the bill be rejected.

Thomas Allen, print.

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