IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

January 13, 1843.
Ordered to be printed.—To accompany bill H. R. 365.

Mr. Bates submitted the following REPORT:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the House bill for the relief of Carter B. Chandler, report:

The petitioner claims a pension under the act of 1832. He states that he served three months in 1780, as a substitute for Barnett Mitchel, of the county of Louisa, in Virginia. That he served another term of three months in the summer and autumn of 1781, as a substitute of the same Barnett Mitchel. He says he was then too young to be enrolled in the militia. He does not state the name of any officer under whom he served, nor the company, nor regiment in which he served. And he concludes this account of his service by saying he is not confident as to the duration of it, but that his brother-in-law, Richard Lane, was with him each time. His brother-in-law, whose deposition is taken, says nothing on the subject.

The petitioner further states that, in the winter after the capture of Cornwallis, he entered the service again, as the substitute of John Gunter; that Gunter was drafted for eighteen months and deserted; That Gunter's friends induced him to take his place. He did so, and was attached to Captain Kirkpatrick's company at Cumberland Old Court House, where he stayed until his eighteen months' service had expired; that he applied for a discharge, but the colonel being absent, he did not obtain it. He then states that the troops were put upon a march to Albemarle barracks, and on the way thither he got a furlough to go home; went home, and, yielding to the persuasion of his friends, did not return. There is no memorial or written evidence of his enlistment, services, or discharge. His brother-in-law, Lane, testifies, "that the petitioner substituted himself for John Gunter, and served out his term of eighteen months." Henry Bibb testifies, "that he knows the petitioner served an eighteen months' term of duty as the substitute of John Gunter." Neither witness states his means of knowledge. There is some evidence of his representation of having served in the army of the Revolution. But the committee are not satisfied either that he served in a capacity entitling him to a pension; or, if he did, that he was honorably discharged. The certificate of the service of John Gunter, to which the report of the House refers, is not among the papers; and, if it were, it would not establish the petitioner's claim to a pension. Therefore,

Resolved, That the bill be indefinitely postponed.
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Mr. Harte introduced the following

REPORT

The Committee on Agriculture, having reported the following bill, respectfully recommend the same to the Senate:

Title of S. 1190, a bill to provide for the establishment of the United States Department of Agriculture, and for other purposes.

The bill provides for the establishment of a Department of Agriculture, with the following powers and duties:

1. The Secretary of Agriculture shall have the power to appoint and remove the heads of all the bureaus and offices in the Department, subject to the approval of the President.

2. The Department shall have the power to conduct research and to issue reports on matters relating to agriculture.

3. The Department shall have the power to collect and publish statistics relating to agriculture.

4. The Department shall have the power to provide for the instruction of farmers in the management of their farms.

5. The Department shall have the power to make recommendations to the Congress on matters relating to agriculture.

The bill also provides for the establishment of a Board of Agriculture, consisting of five members, appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to serve for a term of five years, and to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on matters relating to agriculture.

The bill is further provided that the Department shall have the power to make appropriations for its officers and employees, and for the conduct of its operations.

The bill is recommended to the Senate for its consideration and action.