IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

January 13, 1843.
Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Phelps made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Brown, praying for a pension, in consideration of revolutionary services, report:

It appears, from the evidence exhibited to the committee, that the petitioner was the son of Capt. Brown, who commanded a company of artillery connected with Colonel Lamb's regiment; that the petitioner, then about fourteen years of age, accompanied his father in the capacity of a drummer or musician of the company, in the years 1776 and 1777, but without any enlistment or obligation to serve for any definite period; that in 1778, he obtained the appointment of conductor of ordnance stores, in which capacity he served about eighteen months.

It is upon the strength of these services that he asks a pension. In regard to his first service, in the capacity of musician, the committee are of opinion, that as he was a mere boy accompanying his father, and under no enlistment or obligation to serve, he is not to be regarded as in the service of the United States, within the purpose of the pension laws. As a conductor of ordnance stores, he was not in the military service of the United States; the employment being merely civil. He was neither officer nor soldier, and of course not entitled, as such, by existing laws, to a pension.

The committee, therefore, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition be rejected.

Thomas Allen, print.
IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 15, 1865

Report of the Committee on Military Affairs

Mr. Paine made the following REPORT:

The Committee on Military Affairs to whom was referred the petition of

and to report the following:

If necessary, the committee, having in view the condition and status of the

United States Army, now in the field, and the necessity of the prompt

and effective prosecution of the war, recommend that the President be

urged to take immediate steps to increase the number of troops in the

field, and to provide for the immediate discharge of all officers and

men who have served their time of service, and are now in the Army.

The committee recommend the immediate discharge of all officers and

men who have served their time of service, and are now in the Army.

The committee, in conclusion, recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report of the committee be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]