IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 13, 1845.
Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. Bates made the following REPORT:

The Committee on Pensions, to whom the petition of James A. Grant and others was referred, report:

The petitioners pray "that a general act may be passed for the relief of the surviving soldiers of the Indian wars prior to the treaty of Granville, (Greenville,) in 1794, and for the relief of those soldiers of the late war who have become poor."

The pension laws make provision for officers and soldiers who are or may be disabled while in the line of their duty, as an inducement to enter the public service. They also make provision for the officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution, and such of their widows as were married prior to 1794, founded upon and justified only by the fact that the army of the Revolution, in the exigency of the times, was not paid for its services as it ought to have been. This reason has no application to the soldiers of the last war; nor, so far as the committee know, has it any to those who were engaged in the Indian wars to which the petitioners refer. Their services were severe, and their exposure great, but common to the people of the frontier, from the earliest times, in their progress westward: Wherefore, Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.