

JAMES MAINS.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 269.]

MAY 9, 1850.

Mr. HAY, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of James Mains, report:*

That, from the evidence submitted, it appears that the petitioner enlisted as a private soldier in the service of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain, in the early part of March, 1814, and was attached to Captain Joshua Danforth's company, (Colonel Denny McCobb's regiment,) and, while on duty as guard in the night-time, in the latter part of the month of May, at Bath, he was knocked down by a blow from a club, or stone, from some person unknown, which blow fractured the bones of the head near and over the left temple; that he was immediately conveyed to the house of the surgeon of the regiment, when his wounds were dressed, but he was unable to perform any duty for some time after; that he marched with his regiment to Plattsburg, arrived there on the 7th of September, and was in the battle on the 11th of that month; that he remained in the service until June, 1815, when he was discharged. The petitioner also states that he has suffered very much from the effects of the wound ever since it was received; that it disables him from working at his usual occupation the greater part of the time, and that, as his age increases, it becomes more troublesome.

Colonel Denny McCobb certifies that the petitioner was a private in Captain Joshua Danforth's company, in the 45th regiment of United States infantry, during the late war with Great Britain; that he served faithfully from the time of his enlistment until the first day of June, 1815, at which time he was honorably discharged; that some time in the month of May, 1814, at Bath, in the State of Maine, while on guard in the line of his duty, he was knocked down by a blow on his head from some person unknown, and was reported to him by the officer of the guard, as appears from the records of the regiment.

John Harrington was a corporal in the same company with James Mains, (the petitioner,) and was the officer on duty at the time he received his wound; he corroborates the statements of the petitioner in relation to the facts set forth in his petition.

Your committee, believing him entitled to a pension, have reported a bill for his relief.

