MARY HOSKINS.

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Mr. Waldo, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following REPORT:

The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Mary Hoskins, respectfully report:

The petitioner claims to be the widow of Benjamin Hoskins, jr., and of the age of eighty-six years; that said Benjamin served fourteen months in the war of the Revolution, in the States of Massachusetts, Connecticut, and in the city of New York, and is generally reported to have served about three years as a private in said war; that the petitioner was married to the said Benjamin in the year 1780, at Rochester, Plymouth county, Massachusetts; that said Benjamin deceased in the year 1834; and the petitioner asks Congress to "pass an act authorizing the Commissioner of Pensions to issue to her a certificate for the sum of ninety-six dollars per annum, or such other sum as she may be entitled to, beginning on the 4th day of September, 1834, or such other time as may be regarded as just."

The only evidence offered by the petitioner in support of her claim, is a certificate from the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, showing that the name of Benjamin Hoskins, jr. is borne upon certain pay-rolls in that office, amounting in all to twenty-six days only, in three different companies at three different times. There is no evidence tending to show the marriage of the petitioner and the said Benjamin, or the decease of the said Benjamin. With this evidence only, the committee cannot recommend the petition to the favorable consideration of the House, and ask to be discharged from its further consideration, and that it be laid upon the table.