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

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

The petitioner claims to be the widow of John C. Marvin, deceased, who served as a seaman in the revolutionary war, and was a pensioner of the United States at the rate of ninety-six dollars per annum, and died about the year 1834; that she was married to the said John C. Marvin before January 1, 1794; that she is now a pensioner, under the act of February 2, 1848, at the rate of forty-eight dollars per annum; that she is poor, old, and blind, and cannot live upon the proceeds of her pension; and she asks to be placed upon the pension list at the rate of ninety-six dollars per year, to commence on the 4th day of March, 1836.

The petitioner offers no evidence tending to prove her marriage with the said John C. Marvin, nor the length or grade of his service, or the time of his decease. In the absence of this evidence, the report of the committee must be adverse. But admitting that the evidence was satisfactory on these points, the committee could not recommend any special legislation in her behalf. If her claims are correct, she would be entitled to a pension, under existing laws, from March 4, 1836, excepting the two years during which no widows who were married after the close of the war received any pension. But the fact of the petitioner's being poor, old, and blind, does not of itself afford any ground for relief. The committee, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this subject, and recommend that the petition be laid upon the table.