SARAH TEAS.

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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 Sarah Teas, respectfully report:

The petitioner claims to be the widow of William Teas, deceased, who was a cornet in Washington's corps of dragoons, in the continental service in the war of the Revolution; that said Teas entered said service with the commencement of said war, and continued to its close; that she was married to said Teas in the month of July, 1797 or 1798, and lived with him as his lawful wife until his decease in March, 1824; that the children of said Teas have, since his decease, obtained from the State of Virginia the land scrip due for his military service, and also five years' full pay from the United States in lieu of his half-pay for life; and she asks to be placed upon the pension list of the United States.

This petition was presented to Congress in 1844, and a similar application has been presented to the Commissioner of Pensions, under the act of July 29, 1848. The petitioner does not offer any evidence of her alleged marriage with said Teas, nor of his service in the revolutionary war, as she states. The committee have found that a special act was passed on the 30th day of June, 1834, "for the relief of the heirs and legal representatives of William Teas, deceased;" by which act the said heirs and legal representatives were allowed five years' full pay as a cornet of horse in the revolutionary war, in full for half-pay of said Teas for life. It is fairly to be presumed that said Teas was a cornet in the revolutionary service, or this act would not have been passed, and yet no evidence tending to prove this service has been offered to this committee. If said William Teas was a cornet in said service, and if the petitioner was lawfully joined in marriage with him in the month of July, 1797 or 1798, her case is amply provided for by the act of July 29, 1848. If she can prove her allegations, she can obtain a pension at the proper department; and if she cannot furnish this evidence, she does not now show a case for the interposition of Congress. The committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of this petition, and recommend that the same be laid upon the table.