

LIEUTENANT DANIEL STARR—HEIRS OF.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 602.]

DECEMBER 12, 1856.

Mr. WOODRUFF, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

**REPORT.**

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of the children and heirs of Lieutenant Daniel Starr, report:*

The merits of this claim are fully shown by the petition and the two affidavits hereto annexed, and made a part of this report. As the evidence shows this case to be like that of Joshua Fanning, (for the benefit of whose heirs an act was passed July 7, 1838,) the report in the Fanning case is added hereto, as containing a brief and clear exposition of the principle which has governed the committee in deciding to recommend an allowance to the children and heirs of a naval officer who gallantly laid down his life in the service of his country. In addition to the seven years' half-pay usually allowed in such cases, an allowance of such sum as remains due and unpaid for his services is recommended by the committee.

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The following is a report of the committee on the subject of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which provides for the election of the President and Vice President by direct vote of the people.

The committee has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the subcommittee on the subject of the proposed amendment, and to express its appreciation for the thorough and careful study which has been given to the subject.

The committee believes that the proposed amendment is a desirable one, and that it should be adopted. It is believed that the present mode of electing the President and Vice President is not in accordance with the original intention of the framers of the Constitution, and that it is not in accordance with the wishes of the people.

The committee believes that the proposed amendment will result in a more direct and efficient mode of electing the President and Vice President, and that it will result in a more responsible and accountable mode of electing the President and Vice President.

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