

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

FEBRUARY 24, 1830.

Laid on the table, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. FOOT made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Pensions, to which has been referred the petition of Mrs. Caroline Langdon Eustis, and others, widows of certain officers who served in the Army of the Revolution, report:*

The petitioners respectfully represent, that the provisions of the act of May 15, 1828, has made a liberal provision for the officers of the Revolutionary Army, who lived at the time of the passage of the act; in which *they* might also have participated, "if the lives of their husbands had been spared to that time; and humbly conceiving it was not the intention of Congress to exclude them from all share and participation in its benefits, rendered of so much greater importance to them and their respective families, inasmuch as they are now deprived of the assistance and support which they would have realized and enjoyed, had their husbands lived, &c." And they pray that such part of the provisions of said act may be extended to them and their families, as Congress shall deem reasonable.

As the act above referred to did not originate with the Committee on Pensions, it is not for them to decide upon the principles on which it was founded. The case of the petitioners presents a very strong and powerful appeal to the justice of the Government; but the Committee on Pensions cannot consider this case as embraced within the meaning of any of the pension acts; nor do they feel authorized to recommend the extension of the provisions of the act reported by a Select Committee, and so lately and ably discussed, and in the progress of which, as they understand, the principle embraced in this petition was discussed and finally rejected.

The Committee therefore request that they may be discharged from the further consideration of this petition.

