

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES,

APRIL 6, 1830.

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Mr. CHASE made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Abraham Brownson, report:*

That the said A. Brownson, in the month of April, 1776, being then 17 years of age, entered the service of the United States, by enlisting into the company of Capt. Thaddeus Lacy, in the regiment of Col Heman Swift, in the State of Connecticut, and served faithfully until he was discharged, in the December following, at Mount Independence.

Early in September, 1777, the said Brownson enlisted into the company of Capt. Gideon Brownson, in the regiment of Col. Seth Warner, for the term of three years, and served under that enlistment till Congress, in 1778, offered a bounty of eighty dollars to each soldier who should enlist *during the war*, to be paid at the close of the war, when the said Abraham Brownson enlisted for *during the war*; at the time of which enlistment Col. Seth Warner gave the said Abraham a certificate that, whenever he should procure an able bodied man in his stead, to serve out his enlistment, he should be discharged. The said Abraham Brownson continued to serve under the enlistment last mentioned, having been duly appointed a sergeant in said company, till the last day of December, 1780, when he procured one Gideon Benedict, an able bodied man, as a substitute, who was received in his stead, and served out his enlistment to the end of the war, and the said Abraham Brownson was discharged from his enlistment.

Immediately after his discharge in 1780, as beforementioned, the said Abraham Brownson engaged in the service of the country in a regiment of volunteers commanded by Col. Allen, and did duty therein, on the frontiers, till the close of the Revolutionary war, for which last mentioned service he received no pay or compensation whatever.

The committee are further satisfied, from the showing and proof of the said Abraham Brownson, that he paid the said Gideon Benedict his bounty, to his full satisfaction, and that it was stipulated between them that the said Benedict was to have no claim on the United States for said bounty, nor for any land that was promised to the soldier by Congress. That, after the war was over, the said Benedict enlisted under Gen. St. Clair, in the war against the Indians, and has not since been heard of by his former friends or family connexions, and is supposed to have died in the expedition under General St. Clair.

The committee are of opinion that the said Abraham Brownson is entitled to relief, and therefore report the accompanying bill.

