

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JULY 21, 1856.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. FESSENDEN made the following

R E P O R T .

[To accompany Bill S. 396.]

The Committee on Patents and the Patent Office, to whom was referred the petition of Nathan Scholfield for the renewal of a patent granted to him on the 17th of May, 1836, report:

That, on said 17th of May, 1836, said Nathan Scholfield obtained a patent for an important improvement in a machine to regulate the motion of water wheels; and at the expiration of his original term of fourteen years, on proof that he had obtained no adequate remuneration, he obtained an extension, which will expire on the 17th day of May, 1857. He prays for a further extension of seven years from and after that day, on the ground that he has not been sufficiently remunerated for his invention.

Your committee are satisfied that his improvement is a valuable one, and that he is but just beginning to realize a reward for his labor and skill—owing, probably, to the nature of his improvements, which required time to perfect, and render them efficient, and not to any fault on his part. Believing that the public will not be injured by granting him a further extension, your committee therefore recommend the passage of a bill granting to Mr. Scholfield a further extension for seven years from and after the 17th day of May, 1857, which bill is herewith submitted.

