

JOSEPH PIKE.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 557.]

JUNE 27, 1864 —Ordered to be printed.

Mr. Ross, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Joseph Pike, a soldier of the war of 1812, for a pension, beg leave to report:*

That said Joseph Pike, of Plymouth, New Hampshire, was a soldier in the war of 1812, having enlisted as a private on the 11th of March, 1813; that about the 1st of December, 1813, engaged in the line of his duty, by direction of his officers, in hewing a stick of timber at the United States hospital then in the course of erection at Plattsburg, New York, the said petitioner, by a slip of the axe, cut off several of his toes and a portion of his foot, and thus rendering the foot comparatively useless. For eighteen months after his wound he was unable to wear stocking or shoe on his injured foot. By reason of said loss he has been partly disabled, and from no other cause. He was discharged on the 1st of April, 1815.

The technical proof in the case is not sufficient to secure a pension under the general law; but being satisfied that the moral proof is ample, and the best that can be secured, your committee report the accompanying bill, with the recommendation that it pass.

