

THOMAS P. HARRISON.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 815.]

MAY 29, 1838.

MR. TALIAFERRO, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following

REPORT :

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom the petition of the heirs of John P. Harrison was referred, report :*

That the petitioners claim the five years' full pay due by the United States to John P. Harrison, for his services as a captain in the continental line of the army in the war of the Revolution, and who became supernumerary subsequent to the 21st of October, 1780. In support of this claim, the army records show that John P. Harrison was a captain in the continental line of the army, and that he was paid for his service as such to the 27th of October, 1780. (See the letter of Auditor Hagner and certificate of Auditor Heath, of Virginia.) It nowhere appears that said Harrison resigned; and the just conclusion seems to be, he became supernumerary under the reduction of the army, in pursuance of the act of Congress of the 21st of October, 1780. By that act half pay for life was promised such officers as thereafter should become supernumerary. This half pay was, by the act of 1783, commuted into five years' full pay; to be paid in bonds, redeemable at the pleasure of the Government, with six per cent. interest thereon till paid. The committee find the evidence in the case satisfactory to show that John P. Harrison was entitled to the benefit of the acts above referred to, and report a bill.

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