

BARTHOLOMEW E. VROMAN.

FEBRUARY 17, 1838.

Read, and laid upon the table.

Mr. SIBLEY, from the Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, made the following

REPORT:

*The Committee on Revolutionary Pensions, to which was referred the petition of Bartholomew E. Vroman, of the county of Schoharie, in the State of New York, for a pension, respectfully report :*

That, on the 9th day of August, 1780, hostile Indians and Tories, under the command of Colonel Brandt, made an incursion into the neighborhood in which the petitioner then resided, now called "Vroman's Land," in the said county of Schoharie, and, after massacring many of the inhabitants, (and among them the mother and sister of the petitioner,) burning the dwelling-house, and destroying the personal property belonging to his father, took the petitioner, his father, and brother, and carried them captives from place to place, until the petitioner was at length taken to Montreal, where he was imprisoned until the fall of 1781, when he was exchanged. During his captivity he underwent almost every species of cruelty, privation, and peril.

These facts are established to the satisfaction of the committee.

The petitioner also represents that, "at the time of his capture, and previous thereto, he was frequently on militia duty under the officer commanding the neighboring fort;" and his brother, Josias E. Vroman, (also an applicant for a pension upon similar grounds,) testifies that, at the time of the petitioner's capture, he "was employed by the commanding officer of the fort in said place to bear arms in defence of the inhabitants, and that he was frequently on militia duty about the vicinity of the fort."

But, because it does not satisfactorily appear that the petitioner was, at the time of his capture, enrolled or engaged in any such service as would entitle him to a pension, under the laws of the United States, or that he was at that time at least fifteen years of age, your committee are constrained, by the settled practice of Congress, to report unfavorably upon this application.

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