

IN SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 20, 1850.

Submitted, and ordered to be printed.

Mr. HALE made the following

REPORT:

[To accompany bill S. No. 235.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Nancy Bowen, report as follows:

That the petitioner was the wife of Robert Brice, who was killed while serving as a United States seaman on board the frigate Constitution, in the action with the English frigate Guerriere; that the petitioner was placed on the pension roll, as the widow of said Brice, at the rate of seventy-two dollars per annum, which pension was continued for ten years, when it ceased in consequence of her marriage with Aaron Bowen. Her second husband, Bowen, died in 1848, leaving the petitioner in destitute circumstances—aged, infirm, childless, and, as represented in her petition, friendless; and she therefore prays for a revival of the pension which was allowed her previous to her marriage with Bowen.

Without expressing an opinion upon the subject, the committee have agreed to report a bill for the relief of the petitioner, leaving it to the Senate to sanction or disapprove the principle involved.