

The proceedings of Friday were read and corrected.

Mr. Blake presented the petition of George N. Hollins, a soldier of the War of 1812, asking a pension.

Which was read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Brattan presented the petition of John E. Stirling and ninety-three other citizens of Lawson's District, in Somerset county, praying for a division of said district.

Which was read and referred to Messrs. Brattan, Tuck and Steiner.

Mr. Denson presented the petition of Phœba Salter, widow of John Salter, Jane Hill, widow of Samuel Hill, Sarah E. Jones, widow of Mohlon Jones, asking to be placed on the pension rolls.

Which were read and severally referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Blake presented the petition of Catharine C. Porter, widow of Thomas Porter, Priscilla Smith, widow of James Smith, Leah Smyser, widow of Adam Smyser, asking to be placed on the pension rolls.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Denson presented the petition of Rebecca C. Rhodes, widow of John H. Rhodes, Susan Riddle, widow of John Riddle, Bilipsy Allen, widow of Lewis Allen, asking pensions.

Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Pensions.

Mr. Aydelotte submitted the following order :

Ordered, That the Committee on Finance be, and hereby are instructed, to inquire into the number of Officers now in the employ of this body; in what capacity engaged, and the relative force in each department respectively; and whether the aid of another officer or officers is required for a proper and efficient advancement of the business of the Senate; and if so, to what position the same shall be assigned.

Mr. Fields demanding the yeas and nays upon the adoption of said order,

It was determined in the affirmative as follows :