

of the opinion of the Committee on Pensions, being that inasmuch as the services rendered by said claimants for pensions, were for a common county, it was not the duty of the State to pay them, but rather for the General Government, the Committee determined to report them all unfavorably. While the petition handed to Mr. Jump by Col. Woolford, was in his (Mr. Jump's) possession, Col. Woolford, according to the evidence, shewed great anxiety and solicitude as to the ultimate fate of the petition of the pensioner from Somerset county, and upon several different occasions, asked Mr. Jump if the petition would receive a favorable report from the Committee. Finally upon being told by Mr. Jump that the petitioner, among many others, would be reported unfavorably, Col. Woolford asked to be allowed to withdraw the petition from Mr. Jump, which was granted by Mr. Jump.

Mr. Jump's evidence declares, that in a short time subsequent to the withdrawal of the petition by Col. Woolford, already alluded to, a bill was reported to the Senate, having in it the name of the party in the petition. To this fact, Mr. Jump swears positively, saying: "I knew the name of the party named in the bill, was the same as that in the petition," and as if to make his testimony still stronger, says: "I knew one thing, that it was the same party that this bill was reported for."

After said bill was reported to the Senate, a special reference, asked for, and it was referred to the Committee on Finance. And here it is proper to meet a statement of the majority report, that the Committee on Finance could not have a pension bill before it, with the sworn statement of Mr. Jump, that this bill already alluded to, as having been reported to the Senate, was specially referred to the Committee on Finance, and that the Committee on Finance, could report pension bills when they had been specially referred to them. A tyro in Legislative proceeding, would not contradict this statement, as we all knew that when a member reports a bill, and asks to have it referred to a certain Committee designated by him, it is so referred unless there is some striking and glaring reason why such a reference would be appropriate and absolutely wrong. Your Committee thinks that after this presentation of Mr. Jump's testimony it will be apparent that the bill referred to the Finance Committee, by special request, was for the same party named in the petition, handed to Mr. Jump by Col. Woolford, and that the party named therein could not possibly have been Noah Webster, because the relief for Noah Webster was in consequence of having been illegally drafted, and