

recommending a bill of that character, and the reasons he assigned for it." This testimony of Mr. Claggett shows clearly and positively that the interview of Col. Woolford with the Committee on Finance, occurred just as detailed to your Committee by Col. Earle, and that Col. Woolford was endeavoring to secure a pension for a man in Somerset county, who, as subsequent events, painfully proved, was not entitled to it.

Mr. Claggett further swore, that "before Col. Earle told me in 1874, that it was a pension bill, my memory was clear that it was a pension bill; I am sure the bill was in reference to the war of 1812." Mr. Claggett recollected distinctly that nothing was said about a draft, or that this relief was for a person who had been illegally drafted, but that the bill was to grant "a yearly allowance" to a man in Somerset county.

Your Honorable Body will recognize in the names of the persons testifying in this case as presented by your minority, gentlemen who have occupied many high and important positions in public life, who have been honored with the people's confidence, and who have jealously guarded that confidence, and left their offices of trust and honor with integrity and character unstained and irreproachable; whose veracity has never been questioned, and which is beyond suspicion. With the testimony of such men before it, unshaken and unimpaired, the only opposing testimony being of a negative and uncertain character as presented in the report already before your Honorable Body, your Committee is compelled to perform the unpleasant duty of submitting this minority report.

D. H. NEWCOMER,

On the part of the Senate.

J. H. FARROW,

JOHN TURNER,

On the part of the House.

Which was read.

Mr. Barnard, Chairman of a Select Committee, reported favorably,

The Senate bill entitled an Act relating to Justices of the Peace in and for Garret, Allegany and Carroll counties, with proposed amendment.

AMENDMENT PROPOSED.

Sec. 1, line 9, add after the word "originate," "and provided further, that the provisions of this bill shall not effect districts numbers four, five, six and fourteen, in Allegany county."