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Rep. No. 512.

[To accompany bill H. R. No. 439.]

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

LOT DAVIS.

APRIL 26, 1848.

Mr. Tuck, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, made the following

REPORT:

The Committee on Naval Affairs, to whom was committed the memorial of Lot Davis, report:

That the petitioner was a seaman on board the privateer Elbridge Gerry, Samuel Turner, esq., master, and, after taking several prizes, was captured by the British frigate Crescent, and carried into Halifax, N. S., and from thence to Dartmoor prison, England; that, on the sixth day of April, 1815, when the firing commenced upon the American prisoners by order of Captain Shortland, said petitioner was lying sick in his hammock, and was there attacked by a soldier, who thrust his bayonet through the canvass of said hammock into the head of said petitioner, who sprung from his hammock to the floor, when he (the said soldier) struck him a heavy blow with his gun, dislocating the left ankle and splitting the bone. That, besides his continual suffering from the wound in his head, he is, by his lameness, deprived of the means of subsistence.

The character for truth and veracity, and the total disability of the petitioner, are satisfactorily proved.

The case seems to be well made out, and the petitioner worthy of relief; a bill is therefore reported.