20th CONGRESS,
2d SESSION.

# H. R. 445.

FEBRUARY 17, 1829.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. HOFFMAN, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, to which the subject had been referred, reported the following bill:

# A BILL

*Respecting the Privateer Pension Fund, and the pensions of invalids and widows chargeable thereon.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, from and after the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, instead of the rates of pensions heretofore allowed by the second section of the act, entitled "An act regulating pensions to persons on board private armed ships," approved the thirteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, there shall be allowed to all such officers, seamen, and marines, of any private armed ship or vessel, bearing a commission of letter of marque, as are, or shall by law be, entitled to a pension, the following rate of pension, that is to say: to a captain, a sum not exceeding ten dollars per month; to lieutenants and sailing-masters, a sum not exceeding eight dollars each per month; to a marine officer, boatswain, gunner, carpenter

16 master's mate, and prizemasters, each a sum not exceeding
17 seven dollars per month; to all other officers, each a sum
18 not exceeding six dollars per month, for the highest rate of
19 disability, and so in proportion; and to a seaman, or acting
20 as a marine, the sum of five dollars per month for the high-
21 est rate of disability, and so in proportion: but nothing in
22 this section contained shall be construed in any wise to affect
23 or alter any pension of any invalid chargeable on the priva-
24 teer pension fund, provided by the seventeenth section of the
25 act, entitled "An act concerning letters of marque, prizes,
26 and prize goods," except in the monthly rate and amount
27 thereof; and that the rates and amount of such pensions al-
28 lowed by the second section of the said act, in so far as the
29 same exceeds the rate and amount herein allowed, be, and
30 the same excess is hereby, repealed.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, if any officer,
2 seaman, or marine, serving on board any private armed ship
3 or vessel, bearing a commission of letter of marque, shall die,
4 or shall have died since the eighteenth day of June, in the
5 year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve, by
6 reason of a wound received in the line of his duty, leaving a
7 widow, such widow, so remaining sole and unmarried, shall
8 be placed on the pension list by the Secretary of the Navy,
9 who shall allow to such widow, while she shall remain such
10 widow, and no longer, half the monthly pension to which the

11 rank of the deceased would entitle him for the highest rate of
12 disability under the first section of this act, which allowance
13 shall continue for the term of five years, to commence from
14 the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred
15 and twenty-eight; or, if the death of the husband of such wi-
16 dow shall happen thereafter, then from such death: and the
17 several pensions hereby granted shall be paid, by direction of
18 the Secretary of the Navy, out of the fund provided by the
19 seventeenth section of the act entitled "An act concerning
20 letters of marque, prizes, and prize goods," and from no other:
21 and that no other or greater pension chargeable on the said
22 fund shall be allowed to any such widow by virtue of any law
23 of the United States, after the said thirty-first day of Decem-
24 ber, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
25 twenty-eight.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of fifty
2 thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to
3 and for the use of the said fund, to be paid to the Commis-
4 sioners thereof, by direction of the Secretary of the Treasury,
5 out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.