

Salvador Accardi

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House of Representatives

36th Congress, 1st Session, Report No. 551

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To accompany Bill H.R. No. 742

May 18, 1860

Mr. Foster, from the Committee on Invalid Pensions, made the following

Report

The Committee on Invalid Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Salvador Accardi, praying for an increase of his present pension of six dollars per month to sixteen dollars per month, having had the same under consideration, ask leave to report:

That it appears by the evidence presented by the petitioner that he entered the naval service in 1830, and continued to serve faithfully therein until 1852, and that he lost his left leg while in the line of duty. Congress granted him a pension of one half of his monthly pay, being six dollars per month, which commenced on the first of January, 1854, which he has since received.

It is now in evidence, from the depositions of two highly respectable physicians of Washington city, (Doctors Miller and Roberts,) that since the date of his present pension he has become "totally and permanently disabled," and entirely unable to labor, by the loss of the use of his arms, which are nearly paralyzed by the use of crutches.

The committee, therefore, report that his pension be increased to twelve dollars per month, being the amount of his monthly pay at the time of his disability, to commence on the first day of January, 1860.

Senate

38th Congress, 1st Session, Rep. Com. No. 95

In the Senate of the United States

June 29, 1864

Mr. Foster made the following Report

To accompany bill H.R. No. 394

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred a bill (H.R. 394) for the relief of Mary Scales Accardi, beg leave to report:

The petitioner is the widow of Salvador Accardi, who entered the navy of the United States, as a musician, in the year 1830, and served for different terms during a period of eighteen years, his last discharge bearing date of September 22, 1852. On the 14th day of March, 1854, in accordance with a decision of the Court of Claims, to whom the subject had been submitted by Congress, the said Salvador Accardi was placed upon the roll of invalid pensioners at the rate of six dollars per month, in consequence of disability which was the result of an injury received on board the frigate Independence, while in the line of his duty, in the year 1852. On the fifteenth day of November, 1861, he died at the insane hospital near the city of Washington, D.C.

The petitioner applied for relief at the Pension Office shortly afterwards, but her application was refused, on the ground that her husband did not die while "in the service." She then petitioned

Congress for relief in February, 1862, but for some reason her memorial was not acted upon. She now asks again for relief.

The committee are of the opinion that the case is a meritorious one. They do not, however, recommend that the date of a pension to the petitioner should be fixed at the time of the death of her husband, as provided by the bill under consideration. They recommend, therefore, that the Senate pass the bill with the following amendment:

In the 8th line strike out all after the word "commencing," and in lieu thereof insert "on the first day of July, 1862, and continuing during her widowhood."