

TOBACCO INSPECTIONS.

During the year ending on the 30th day of September, 1884, the total amount of money received by the Tobacco Warehouses in this State was \$75,972.01.

After paying the salaries of clerks and employees, there remained the sum of \$4,048.16 which has been paid by the Inspectors into the Treasury.

This sum is insufficient to pay the Inspectors their salaries by the sum of \$4,951.84, and the system is, therefore, a tax upon the Treasury to that amount.

This condition of things should not exist, and some legislation is necessary, whereby the inspectors as well as the clerks and employees should look to the receipts of the Warehouses rather than to the State Treasury for their salaries.

RESULTS OF THE FISCAL YEAR.

After thus giving you some of the prominent features disclosed by the accompanying statements and tables, and having compared the same with previous years in order to show you that the finances have not lost ground, allow me to recapitulate in a few words the results of the fiscal year 1884:

This department by its operations under the law during the fiscal year 1884, reduced the debt of the State to the amount of.....	\$303,888.44
Placed to the credit of the Sinking Funds for the Redemption of the Deaf and Dumb and the Maryland Hospital Loan, the bonds of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company amounting to.....	\$366,000.00
Invested moneys in good securities and placed them to the credit of the Sinking Fund for the redemption of the Defense Redemption Loan amounting to.....	\$72,000.00
Enforced the prompt payment of the moneys belonging to the State, so that the amount in arrears in the hands of the officials hold-	