

REPORT

RELATIVE TO THE

INSPECTION OF TOBACCO:

The select committee raised by an order of the House of Delegates, and to whom was referred all that part of the Executive message, which relates to the inspection of Tobacco, beg leave to report:—

That they have given the subject the consideration which its importance and the magnitude of the interest involved in it required. In the course of their investigations they have ascertained that prior to the passage of the resolution, No. twenty-one, of December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, by which the charge for cooperage was abolished: that the state had appropriated to its current expenses, the sum of thirty-five thousand, four hundred and thirty-six dollars, and thirty cents, out of the funds which had been received into the Treasury, on account of the charges on the inspection of Tobacco; which sum the Legislature by its resolution above referred to, contemplates appropriating towards the redemption of the debt of forty-eight thousand dollars, due from the state on account of the purchase of lots and the erection of state warehouses, payable in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-seven; and that there is now in the Treasury, to the credit of the Tobacco inspection fund, according to the report of the Treasurer of the Western Shore, to the Legislature of the year, the sum of nineteen thousand, seven hundred and twenty-five dollars and eleven cents, making an aggregate sum of fifty-five thousand one hundred and sixty-one dollars and forty-one cents, which has been received into the Treasury, on account of inspections, over and above the disbursements for the same. Leaving a balance, after deducting therefrom, the sum of forty-eight thousand dollars, the whole amount for which the state is now responsible, on account of the purchase and building of state warehouses, of seven thousand, one hundred and sixty-one dollars and forty-one cents.

Your committee, therefore, respectfully recommend that the Treasurer be authorised to transfer to the Tobacco