

REPORT

RELATIVE TO THE

STATE'S TOBACCO WAREHOUSES.

The Committee appointed by order of the House of Delegates, to proceed to the city of Baltimore, for the purpose of examining the State Tobacco Warehouses, with the view to ascertain what repairs are necessary to be made, beg leave to report:

That they proceeded forthwith to the city of Baltimore, and made a thorough examination of warehouse No. 2, the only one now requiring repair; that they found one part of it in a most dilapidated state. This house consists of three divisions, put up at different periods; the center division, being the first erected, is the part now wanting repairs, or rather rebuilding. Such is its decayed state that but small portions can be used at all. The walls have sunk and cracked in consequence of having been raised upon an inadequate foundation, the land on which it stands having been made, the foundation required to be well piled before the walls were raised, and to the neglect of this necessary precaution, we may safely ascribe their present condition. In consequence of the settling and cracking of the walls, the rafters and joists of the building have also given way, and the roof is so open that it affords but little protection against the weather, so that Tobacco cannot with safety be put in it. The wall dividing the middle from the southern division, has from the influence of the same cause received equal injury, and will also require to be taken down.

Your committee also endeavored to procure an estimate of the probable cost of rebuilding the centre division of No. 2, and making some other trifling repairs, which other portions of the house require. They were referred by Mr. Magruder, the inspector of No. 2, to Mr. Newman, who is said to be a skilful mechanic, and who built warehouse No. 1. He furnished us with an estimate made by him, with great care, two years ago, at the request of the commissioners who were appointed by the Governor and Council, under a resolution of the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and thirty, to take into consideration the propriety of consolidating the warehouses. After having