

We have therefore negatived the several individual bills from your house, and send you a general one embracing all the cases which have been presented to us.

By order,

WM. KILTY, Clerk.

The house resumed the consideration of the amendment proposed to the bill relating to public inspection warehouses by Mr. Turbutt.

Mr. Turbutt moved to amend the same by striking out \$10,000, to insert \$30,000. Mr. J. T. H. Worthington called for a division of the question, and it was put on striking out. Determined in the negative. Mr. M'Henry moved to strike out of the amendment from the word "provided," inclusive. Determined in the negative. Mr. Turbutt's amendment was then rejected.

On motion by Mr. Wotton, the following was added to the bill: "And be it enacted, that it shall be the duty of each and every inspector appointed by virtue of this act, to employ a clerk, whose salary shall not exceed \$300 annually."

On motion by Mr. J. T. H. Worthington, the question was put, that the following be added to the same. "And be it enacted, That any tobacco inspected or stored in any county tobacco warehouse in this state, not the growth and produce of the county where inspected or stored after the passage of this act, shall be forfeited to the state; any law to the contrary notwithstanding." Determined in the negative.

On motion by Mr. Merrick, the following was added to the bill: "And be it enacted, that in case it should hereafter be found expedient to repeal this act, and to restore the system heretofore in existence, that the proprietors of the present warehouses, or their representatives, shall be reinstated in all the rights and privileges which they enjoy under the present laws."

On motion by Mr. J. T. H. Worthington, the question was put, that the following be added to the bill: "And be it enacted, that it shall be, and is hereby made the duty of the several county inspectors of this state, to return on oath to the treasurer of the western shore, the number of hogsheads of tobacco inspected in their respective warehouses, not the growth and produce of the county where inspected, and to account for and pay over, under oath, to the treasurer of the western shore, in the same manner as before prescribed by this act, all monies by him or them received for such inspection, the necessary expenses attending such inspection being first deducted, for which service said inspector or inspectors shall receive six per centum on all such sums so paid." Determined in the negative.

The house proceeded to reconsider the first section, and the question was put, that the blank be filled up with the "31st December 1826," as proposed by Mr. Turbutt. Determined in the negative.

Mr. Turbutt moved to fill it up with "1st January 1825." Determined in the negative.

Mr. Dorsey moved to fill it up with the "1st day of May next." Resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. E. B. Duvall offered the following as an additional clause: "Be it enacted, that the charges established by law on the tobacco now on hand in the warehouses at Baltimore, inspected before the 1st of May next, be paid to the respective inspectors of said warehouses." Resolved in the affirmative.

On motion by Mr. Kilgour, the question was put, that the following be added to the bill: "And be it enacted, that this act shall not go into effect until a fair assessment of the loss or damage to each proprietor of the tobacco warehouses is made in the following manner; the Governor and council of this state shall elect one discreet and intelligent person, the proprietors of the different warehouses, shall select one other, whose duty it shall be to meet in the city of Baltimore, and make an estimate of the value of the different warehouses at the present time, and the probable value of the houses when this law shall take effect, the loss each proprietor will sustain by this act, which estimate shall be returned to the Governor and council on oath; and in case the two so selected shall differ in opinion, then the Governor and council shall select one other intelligent disinterested person, who upon the inspection of the property to be valued, shall decide and make returns aforesaid, and the loss so ascertained, and the damage thus assessed, shall be paid out of the monies arising from the profits of the different warehouses, and after the expenses which shall be incurred by the provisions of this act are paid, then the whole sums arising from the warehouses shall be distributed among the proprietors in proportion to the different sums assessed by the persons appointed under this act, and no money arising from the warehouses, shall be appropriated in any other way until all the claims of the proprietors arising under the decision of the persons selected by virtue of this act, shall be fully discharged; the Governor and council to pay annually the different proprietors in proportion to their respective claims, all the monies paid into the treasury, in compliance with the provisions of this act, until they are fully paid." Determined in the negative.

Mr. Chesley moved the following as a substitute for the bill as amended

"Be it enacted by the general assembly of Maryland, that the Governor and council be, and they are hereby authorised and required to contract on or before the first day of May next, upon the best terms for the renting of such a number of warehouses for the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore as they may deem to be necessary; and that they be, and are hereby also authorised and required to contract upon the best terms for the purchase or building of a suitable number of warehouses for the inspection of tobacco in the said city, within any period they may think most advisable, not exceeding two years from the passage of this act."

And be it enacted, that from and after the day on which the said warehouses may be procured, it shall not be lawful for the Governor and Council to appoint any inspector to or for any