

four dollars and two cents; and from a minute examination of warehouse No. 3, your committee are unitedly of opinion, that the entire part of the old building attached thereto, will require to be taken down and rebuilt, as being no longer safe or trustworthy.

In answer to the second enquiry—they discovered nothing improper, except as it regards the officers of ware-house, No. 4, whose loose and imperfect way of conducting the business of said ware-house, induces your committee to consider them inefficient, and not such as the interest of the State demands.

To the third enquiry—your committee made no discoveries to justify a suspicion of the kind.

To the fourth enquiry—your committee do not believe that any improper charges have been made as labour rendered to such ware-houses, although certain services have been called in, which seem not to have been anticipated by the law, but rendered necessary by the quantity of tobacco unshipped, calling for duties to be performed by others than those designated by law, as well as considerable expense for the rent of other houses for the storing of tobacco that the public ware-houses could not take in.

The fifth enquiry—your committee considers answered in the answer given to the fourth.

In answer to the sixth enquiry—your committee consider it inexpedient to reduce the centage on tobacco for the reasons assigned in their answer to the first enquiry.

In addition to the foregoing, and as a part of what your committee humbly consider to be intimately connected with their duty, although not specifically charged, they beg leave to suggest as an additional security to the State, as well as the Planters and purchasers of tobacco, that such additional provisions be added to the present laws, regulating the inspection of tobacco, as shall authorise each inspector to employ one shipping clerk and no more, and make it the duty of each inspector to have the scrap tobacco packed, and sold by some commission merchant for the use of the State, whose accounts of sales shall be returned as exhibits with each quarterly return to the Treasurer, and that every item of expenditure, in every department of the inspections shall be specified, for which charge shall be made in said inspectors, quarterly accounts settled with the Treasurer, under oath.