

attach to their situations, and it would contribute to quiet apprehensions of malfeasance, which have gone abroad, growing out of an imagined irresponsibility on the part of any, except the inspectors and the clerk appointed by law. Some complaints having been made about the errors of weighing and shipping, the committee were induced to pay some attention to the complaints, and they accordingly caused to be re-weighed, at each warehouse, ten hogsheads indiscriminately, and found upon comparison with the former weights, some of them of recent, and some of older inspections, that there was but a slight variation, and nothing to disturb the accuracy of general average at each warehouse. They are however satisfied, that mistakes will and must occur at the warehouses, particularly in the hurry of business, as well in shipping and marking, as in weighing the tobacco. Wrong numbers and marks may be put upon hogsheads, and in consequence, an error in shipping follows; but in every instance, the mistakes as the committee learned, were either detected and rectified on the spot, or the inspector satisfying or indemnifying the owner or shipper,—more he cannot do, for it is not to be presumed, that under as heavy a bond and penalty as they are, they will suffer mistakes to take place knowingly, when they are responsible for them. The apprehensions alluded to, however, will be removed by the appointment of a shipping clerk and a weigher, who will be bound to see that all is correct. A direction ought also to be given to the inspectors, in all instances to employ the most efficient labor, and at all times when their services are most needed, provide a supply of good hands, these can always be readily obtained with but little difficulty, and while the committee cannot see any objection to an inspector employing his own hands, yet others that are needed, should be of the very best character, and no inspector should be allowed to indulge a favoritism in selecting hands, but should always obtain the most able bodied, and best acquainted with the duties of the warehouse, as inefficient hands cannot do as much work, and besides are wasteful of nails, and impede the operations of the houses.

The committee, from the inquiries they have made, and the results of the reflections they have had upon the subject, are deeply impressed with the opinion and importance of erecting an additional warehouse. They are satisfied from the information which they obtained, that the amount of inspections will continually increase. The western states are engaging largely in the growth of tobacco, and Maryland certainly possesses advantages for its reception, inspection and shipment, that are not possessed by any of the Atlantic states. In New Orleans the planter is saddled with heavy expenses for inspection and outage. In New York and Philadelphia it is also the case, but in Baltimore there is no charge at all for inspection, and besides, there the planter gets paid one dollar for the cask, in every instance, which is done in no other city in the Union, making a difference of two dollars to the grower of the article. Besides our eligi-