

REPORT.

The Committee appointed by the House of Delegates to examine the Maryland Penitentiary, were also instructed to examine into and report of the present condition of the State Tobacco Warehouses and State Wharves, after having performed the duty assigned them in reference to the Penitentiary, have agreed upon and make the following report:

Under the polite attention of the Tobacco Inspectors, your committee proceeded to investigate the subject that next claimed their attention, and take great pleasure in stating that they commenced their labors by examining Warehouse No. 1, under the polite guidance of its gentlemanly Inspector, Cæsar A. Gantt, who conducted your committee through the building, which we found in perfect and admirable order throughout the entire interior arrangement. The outside of this building, your committee also find in good condition, with the exception of the spouting, which has been on the Warehouse since 1828, and is now very much decayed. Your committee recommend its being replaced by a new one. Your committee next proceeded to examine Warehouse No. 2, under the guidance of the Inspector, Mr. Morgan, which they find as No. 1, in good order; they find on examining that part of this Warehouse fronting on Frederick street Dock, that it has never been provided with spouting, and the action of water falling from the roof on the pavement, has damaged the walls considerably, and may, in the course of time injure the foundation. Your committee would recommend the placing of spouting on this part of the building.

Your committee have also examined Warehouse No. 3, and find it in a very dilapidated condition, being very old. The foundations have given away, and the walls are in many places cracked and warped; the building being otherwise in a condition, that your committee would not advise the expenditure of much money for repairs, believing that the interest of the State would be promoted by having the house entirely rebuilt.