

Your committee have also examined Warehouse No. 4, and find the interior arrangements in good and substantial order. On examining the outside, they find the painting of the shutters, window sills and doors entirely worn off by the action of the weather, and would recommend the re-painting of the same.

Your committee next visited Warehouse No. 5, and after a thorough and searching examination, find it in a condition which they consider entirely safe; the braces, stays and supports recommended and placed in the building by order of a committee appointed by a former Legislature, as an additional security against injury, caused by the giving way of the foundation, has had the effects of securing the building, so that no further danger need be apprehended from the sinking or warping of the walls. The interior and outside of the building are in good order, and require no repairs.

Incidentally connected with the subject of the Warehouses, is the condition of the State Wharves. Upon a strict examination, we find the entire front of the Wharf, commencing at the mouth of Frederick street dock, running up the dock to the end of, and in front of Warehouse No. 2, to be in a dilapidated state, many of the principal timbers entirely decayed and projecting into the water, and but for the slight repairs made by the State Wharfinger, must ere this, have fallen into the dock. Your committee are of the opinion that the wharf should be entirely rebuilt with as little delay as possible. The other Wharves of the State, at Warehouses Nos. 1 and 3, are in good condition, and require no repairs. Your committee find at these Wharves, at an ordinary stage of the tide, an insufficient depth of water—the accumulation of sand and filth washed from the street, from time to time, having lessened the depth of the water considerably. They would recommend the removal of the obstruction, so as to allow vessels carrying Tobacco, to discharge their cargoes at all times.

Your committee having carefully examined the pier built for the accommodation of the steamboat Osiris, at the State Wharf on Pratt street, are of the opinion that the interest of the State will be promoted by allowing the pier to remain.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend that a sum of money be appropriated from the Tobacco fund, sufficient to make the repairs on the Tobacco Warehouses and Wharves, as hereinbefore recommended, which, in their opinion, will not exceed three thousand dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

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