

be competitors for the suffrages of our citizens, or for whom they may be disposed to vote.

In compliance with the directions of the act of December session, 1825, we, herewith, submit a statement of expenditures in the purchase and building of ware-houses in the city of Baltimore for the inspection of tobacco.

When the ware-house now building on the premises obtained from Cumberland Dugan, and others, shall be finished, which will be in a short time, the State will own ware-houses believed to be sufficient for the reception and storage, as long as will be required, of all the tobacco that will, probably, be brought to them for inspection. The contracts for the purchase of ware-houses from Williams and O'Donnell, and Moses Sheppard, and also the contract and various subsequent proceedings for obtaining the property of Cumberland Dugan, and others, and for the building of the ware-house now erecting thereon, have been, heretofore, submitted to the General Assembly.

The Executive, in contracting for building, decidedly preferred the mode they adopted to that of giving a specific sum, from a full conviction that the ware-house will be much better, and more substantially built, than it would have been, under a contract of the latter kind; and that the difference in cost will be much less than in the value of the property when the building shall be completed.

We would respectfully suggest to you, whether it would not be advisable to have the old single story ware-house, adjoining the new one now building, taken down, and the materials, so far as they will answer, used in building small offices upon the north part of the lot, for the accommodation of tobacco dealers; which offices, it is believed, would yield a large interest for the money necessary for their erection. And furthermore, the demolition of the old building would remove all danger of fire from the ware-houses; which, being fire-proof, may then be considered entirely secure.

Before closing this subject, we would also suggest the necessity of making it the duty of some responsible person to have charge of, and superintendence over, the State's property in Baltimore, so as to preserve it always in a state of repair; to collect the rents, and attend, generally, to the interests of the State in the large property we have acquired in that city.

The situation of the Treasury, although better than could have been anticipated at the close of the last session, is such