

Which was read the first time.

Mr. Bowie, from the Committee on Executive nominations, submitted the following report :

The committee on executive nominations, to whom was referred the memorial of several hundred citizens of Montgomery Frederick, Howard and Carroll counties, praying that as those counties produce a different quality of tobacco from the other tobacco growing counties of the State, a Tobacco Inspector should be selected specially from one of those counties, beg leave respectfully to report that they have given the subject the consideration its importance and the character of the signers to the memorial demand, and that they accorded a hearing to the honorable Senator from Montgomery, who urged the prayer of the memorialists with his characteristic earnestness and ability.

The committee having carefully considered the whole subject, report that it is inexpedient at this time to take any action in the matter.

The Constitution requires that "all civil officers appointed by the Governor and Senate shall be nominated to the Senate within fifty days from the commencement of each regular session of the General Assembly," and the nomination of the Tobacco Inspectors having been made, and the required fifty days having expired *before* the prayer of the memorialists was made to the Senate, it is not competent for the Executive to withdraw any one of these nominations to appoint another in its stead from one of these four counties.

In view of the largely decreased production of tobacco since the war, the committee cannot favor now the appointment of an additional Inspector to be taken from these counties, as the five Inspectors authorized by law have been found sufficient to inspect the crop when much larger than at present.

The committee further report that they are informed, and believe that most, if not all, of the tobacco produced in these counties is inspected by the Inspector appointed from Baltimore city, who has been in the warehouse a sufficient time to become familiar with the variety and qualities of this tobacco, and who, having been re-appointed, will be able properly to inspect and sample the tobacco produced in upper Maryland.

The committee ask to be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

ODEN BOWIE,

Chairman.

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. Compton, from the Committee on Executive nominations, to which was referred the bill entitled, an Act to au-