

ous supposition that it would impose additional trouble upon them. If Senators will reflect that by the proposed improvement all the tobacco is required to be inspected in the same house, and that a suitable room is provided as an "Exchange Room," where the samples can be safely deposited, and where all the tobacco can be offered at public sale, by auction or at private sale, it will be seen that the systems thus inaugurated, would diminish the troubles or labors to both the Agents and purchasers.

The wisdom of this system is well illustrated by the operation of the Corn Exchange which is known to Senators.— When this Corn Exchange was first proposed, it met with the opposition of the Agents for the sale of grain and flour, &c., for the same reasons which will be now urged against this measure; but the wisdom of that measure (the Corn Exchange,) has been vindicated by experience, and your Committee are confident that not one of those who opposed that measure would consent to go back to the old system, where, as with tobacco, the Agent was obliged to take the samples to the purchaser or the purchasers, or to the counting rooms of the Agents. Now under the operation of this Corn Exchange, the price of all the commodities has a well ascertained fixed price, and the property of the owners is sold at an ascertained and established price; your Committee are advised that before the establishment of this great mart, grain was properly sold by one Agent, (without fault on his part,) at prices differing some four or five cents per bushel from sales made by others, and that this was the necessary consequence of having no common mart when the same commodity would be offered by all engaged in the sale, and to all engaged in the purchase. Besides the loss to owner, because of his Agent having less information than some others, the discrepancy in price could but produce dissatisfaction; all its consequent evils, both to the owner and their Agents. As the sales of tobacco are now conducted precisely in the same manner, difficulties would exist, and would be in like manner remedied by the proposed public mart, for the sale of that article.

Your Committee have no doubt that under the present system, tobacco of the same quality is now sold by the different Agents at prices almost as variant as the number of Agents, making the sales, and this enterprise would be entitled to your support, if it did no more than apply the remedy for this great evil. Your Committee earnestly recommend the bill to your favorable consideration.

Which was read and ordered to be entered on the Journal.

Mr. Henkle from the select Committee, reported a bill entitled, an Act to provide for the disposition of the Tobacco