

of the General Assembly, we visited the State Live Stock Scales, as a Committee, to inspect and report in writing what additional accommodations are needed, and the estimated cost of the same.

Your Committee beg leave to report, that owing to the increase, and assurance of still greater increase, in the cattle trade, we deem it advisable to recommend to your Excellency that an additional scale for the purpose of weighing stock be built, of a capacity of fifteen tons, at as early a day as practicable. We have found that the cost of said scale, from estimate of the builder, will amount to \$1,000. This we deem a necessity which must be accomplished, in our opinion, to retain the present trade, from which so large a revenue to the State is derived. It will also serve to meet any increase which may occur, and of which we feel certain.

The necessary office attached for the accommodation of the clerks, which, with scale, would be a building 28 by 44 feet, built of brick, all under one roof, would amount, in the aggregate, to \$2,200.

The repairing of old and building of new pens properly comes under the supervision of the weigher, whenever the necessities of the case demands. The pens upon the grounds at present are in very good condition, and every available space belonging to the State has been occupied with them, except a small tract binding along the line of the falls, which is steep and rocky. Therefore we did not consider it necessary to enter into any estimate for repairing and building of same.

We would suggest to your Excellency the crowded condition of said yards and the demand for more pens, to meet the growing wants of an increased trade, the lease or purchase of an additional tract of land lying on the west side of the State property binding on the Garrison Forrest lane.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Which were severally read and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The Secretary of the Senate delivered the following bill:

A bill entitled an Act to repeal sections 1 and 4, of chapter 31 of the Code of Public General Laws, passed January session 1865, and to repeal sections 1 and 2, of chapter 440 of the laws passed by the Legislature of Maryland 1868, in relation to the Publication of General Laws, and to re-enact a section to provide for the uniform price for publishing the Public General Laws.

Which was read a first time, and