

leaving a ballance in favor of the tobacco fund for said year, of eight thousand eight hundred and sixty-two dollars and eighty cents, and it will further appear from the Comptroller's Report of 1857, the expenses amounted to the sum of fifty-seven thousand two hundred and fifty-eight dollars and thirty-seven cents, when the receipts for said year, amounted to the sum of eighty-seven thousand six hundred and eighty-five dollars and three cents, making the sum of thirty-nine thousand two hundred and eighty-nine dollars and forty-six cents, applicable to paying the interest and principal, upon the tobacco fund debt.

And your committee would respectfully represent to the General Assembly, that it shall be the duty of the inspectors at the several warehouses in the city of Baltimore, to give their personal attention to the inspection of tobacco. They shall not absent themselves from said duty, under a penalty for each every day of such absence, unless a satisfactory excuse be given to the Comptroller of the Treasury.

It should be the duty of the inspectors to receive all tobacco landed at their respective warehouses, and to see it properly cared for, by having it placed in warehouses; and it should further be required of said Tobacco Inspectors to pay particular attention to all stayed tobacco, all hogsheads so stayed should first be weighed, then to be carefully separated, and when in a condition to be repacked, and coopered at the expense of the owner; it should then be reweighed and a separate account kept of all said stays, the said inspectors should be allowed for one or two breaks fifty cents, for three breaks seventy-five cents, and for four or more, the sum of one dollar, including cooperage, all of which should be done by the regular laborers employed by the several inspectors during their regular laboring hours.

And it should be further required of the said inspectors to report quarterly, to the Comptroller of the Treasury, all moneys arising from such stays. And your committee would further suggest that particular care should be taken of all scraps of tobacco, and not suffer it to accumulate in large quantities so as to be hurt or in any manner damaged, but that all such scraps as may accumulate from time to time, to be carefully separated if damp, and as soon as such scraps are in a condition to be packed by the laborers in the employ of said inspectors. This, also, should be done during the regular laboring hours; and when so packed, the inspectors should be required to inspect the said scrap tobacco in the same manner as other tobacco is inspected. Your committee invite particular attention to the subject of scrap tobacco, believing that the interests of the tobacco planter would be greatly enhanced if more attention was paid, and greater