

condition of this fund, a contract might be entered into to build a new warehouse upon a lot owned by the State, or purchase another lot for that purpose, and re-build or re-construct the No. 3 warehouse, the fulfilment or payment of which might be predicated upon the future revenue of the inspection warehouses. The committee deem this subject a matter of great importance to the State, in which it is deeply interested, and as such recommend to the serious consideration of the House, the views which they have here presented.

They are of opinion that an inquiry should go out from this House on the subject, and also to ascertain whether the expenses of the warehouses, particularly in the items of labor and nails, cannot be reduced, and thus farther aid the objects herein mentioned. They, therefore, respectfully recommend the adoption of an order, authorising the committee on Inspections to inquire and examine into the condition of the tobacco warehouses, with a view of building a new warehouse, re-building or re-constructing the No. 3 warehouse; to ascertain whether a reduction cannot be made in the items of nails and labor, and investigate each and every department connected with the tobacco inspections.

All which is respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM M. STARR, Chairman.

Which was read and laid on the table.

Mr. Pickell submitted the following message:

*By the House of Delegates,*

*January 17th, 1843.*

*Gentlemen of the Senate:*

We respectfully ask your honorable body to return to this House a bill supplementary to a bill for the repair and preservation of the United States Road, passed this body on the 14th instant, if the same has not yet been acted upon;

Which was read, assented to and sent to the Senate.

Mr. Hammond presented the petition of Elizabeth Garrett, an alien, asking to be allowed to hold certain real property;

Read and referred to the committee on Grievances and Courts of Justice.

Mr. Roberts reported a bill entitled, a supplement to an act entitled, an act to establish magistrates' courts in the several counties of this State and to prescribe their jurisdiction, passed March 1836, chapter 201;

Which was read the first and by special order the second time, passed and sent to the Senate.

The House took up the report of the committee on Ways and Means on the petitions of sundry citizens of Carroll county, praying a repeal of the direct tax law;

Read the second time.

Mr. Welsh moved to re-commit the said report to the committee on Ways and Means;