

sioners of Howard District, to create two additional election districts in Howard District of Anne Arundel county.

On motion of Mr. Weber,

Ordered, That it be entered on the journal, that Edward L. Boteler a delegate from Washington county, is detained from his seat by sickness.

On motion of Mr. Stewart,

The House took up for consideration the order submitted by him, on the 16th instant, in relation to the safe keeping and preservation of the public funds and the defalcations of public officers, &c.;

The said order was then read the second time and assented to.

Mr. Carey from the committee on Ways and Means, on his own behalf, submitted a report on so much of the Governor's message as relates to the finances of the State;

Which was read, and

On motion of Mr. Chapman,

One thousand copies ordered to be printed.

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Mr. Thomas, of St. Mary's, chairman of the committee on Inspections, delivered the following report:

The committee on Inspections to which was referred the petition of John Sullivan & Son, also the petition of Birkhead & Pierce, both of the city of Baltimore, claiming compensation of tobacco fund for the storage of tobacco, have had the same under consideration and make the following report.

That they have examined the claims of the petitioners, who represent that at different periods of the last year, they offered for inspection to the inspectors of the several tobacco warehouses in the city of Baltimore certain tobacco, which they declined to receive and store, alleging that there was no room in the warehouses for it, and in consequence of such refusal, the petitioners were under the necessity of providing suitable houses for the storage of said tobacco, which the petitioners represent, subjected them to charges for storage, drayage, laborers and insurance against loss by fire, which charges the petitioners allege should be paid by the tobacco fund.

By reference to the laws regulating the inspection of tobacco, the committee find that they make provision for the storage of all tobacco received at the warehouses, but the General Assembly not anticipating so large an increase in the inspection of this product, have omitted to provide a remedy for the grievance complained of by your petitioners. The State having taken the inspection of this product under its immediate supervision, your committee think that it is its duty and interest to furnish every facility for its inspection by investing the several inspectors with full authority to receive and accommodate all tobacco offered for inspection. The committee question however the expediency of acknowledging any claims which would virtually give to tobacco agents indiscriminately, the privilege of storing tobacco at the ex-