

and thirty-four dollars and twenty-five cents, leaving a deficiency of one thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars and twenty-six cents, to be met by drafts upon the tobacco fund. Upon a comparison of the statement of the years 1856 and 1857, with the statement for the years 1858 and 1859, your Committee are of the opinion there has been great neglect some where on the part of the Inspectors in the management of the affairs of the various Tobacco Warehouses.

The Inspectors represent that they cannot recondition stayed tobacco for \$1, the sum fixed in section fifth, of the Act of Assembly of 1858, and that in fact it costs about \$2; in view of this fact, your Committee would respectfully recommend the Act of 1858, Sec. 5, be repealed, and the following sums be charged: for one or two brakes, \$1; full stay, \$2; for redrawing hhd., not exceeding 1,000 lbs., 75 cts.; all hogsheads exceeding 1,000 lbs. \$1, and for outage on all hogsheads not exceeding 1,100 lbs., \$1.25; on all hogsheads exceeding 1,100 lbs., and not exceeding 1,500 lbs., \$1.50; on all hogsheads over 1,500 lbs., \$2. Your Committee from a full and thorough investigation of this subject, are of the opinion that this change in the various charges enumerated would have a tendency to increase the tobacco revenue.

Your Committee would further recommend that the Inspector should charge the sum of fifteen cents on each and every hogshead of tobacco sold by the grower and remaining in the State Tobacco Warehouses over six months, the sum of fifteen cents to be charged to the purchaser for each and every month he allows said hogshead to remain in said warehouses after the expiration of six months.

Your Committee find from an examination that in the years 1856 and 1857, there were 309 hhd. of scraps, which amounted to \$11,760.39, and for the years 1858 and 1859, there were 502 hhd. of scraps, the proceeds from the sales thereof amounted to only \$8,687.73. The scraps are a serious loss to the tobacco planter, and there should be some legislation to remedy the evil and to protect the grower from imposition and from loss of this character.

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; and in furtherance of their views they would recommend the passage of a law on this subject, making it a penalty for them, or either of them, to absent themselves from their place of business during the hours of business without a reasonable excuse to the Comptroller for their absence.

Your Committee further find that there were expended for nails alone from the 1st of May, 1858, to the 1st of November, 1859,