

the enormous sum of \$17,061.14. Your Committee from all the information they obtain, believe that it would be better for the inspectors to furnish their own nails; the nails now used cost 10½ cts. per pound, and we are confident they could be purchased for 7½ cts. per lb. In this item of expenses alone much money could be saved.

Your Committee would further respectfully recommend in consideration of the vast amount of expenses incurred under the present system of conducting the various Warehouses in the city of Baltimore, it would greatly enhance the interest of the various tobacco growing counties—to appoint a committee of three from the following counties, viz: Charles, Montgomery, Prince George's St. Mary's, Calvert, Howard and Anne Arundel, whose duty it should be on the first day of May, in each year thereafter, to lease out each of said Tobacco Warehouses to the highest bidder for the period of two years, the party leasing the same to be entitled to all the emoluments now allowed by law in the way of outage, redrawing, storage, staying, &c., &c., not more than one house to be leased to any one person or persons, and at the time of said leasing or letting it should be the duty of said Commissioners to take from the party a bond in the name of the State, with security or securities, to be approved by the said Commissioners for the faithful performance of the trust reposed in said Lessee or Lessees, and for the payment quarterly of the rent as it may become due therefore, into the Treasury.

Said Commissioners shall be appointed by the concurrence of both Houses of the General Assembly of Maryland, and receive as a compensation for their services such sum or sums as shall be hereafter provided for by law.

Your Committee would further recommend that the appointment of Inspectors should still remain in the hands of the Governor, at the same time making it imperative upon the Governor to remove from office, any Inspector when the Commissioners or a majority of them shall certify to him, (the Governor), said Inspector or Inspectors have failed to protect the interests of the tobacco growers.

Your Committee would beg leave further to suggest the Tobacco Warehouses are badly arranged, inconvenient and far too small to accommodate the increased and largely increasing trade of Maryland. The regulations and modes of inspection are rotten at the core, and the whole system needs revisal and reconstruction. Owing to the want of proper accommodations in the present Warehouses a large number of hogsheads are stored without adequate protection and undergo damage and deterioration from exposure to the weather.

The warerooms are so crowded and jammed that the hogsheads are of necessity knocked about in a shocking manner. If five hogsheads are purchased some fifty or more have often to be re-