

stitution, to prescribe by law the tenure of office of Tobacco Inspectors, the undersigned, upon much reflection, with a sincere desire to be correct, can find no just ground for doubt. The whole system of protection to this branch of the industry of our people, owes its existence to the Legislature, and the undersigned therefore respectfully submit whether it is not competent for that body, not only to abolish, but also to adopt such modifications as may be found important to its efficiency, without invading the constitution.

The attitude in which a repeal of the act would place the present to the last General Assembly, involves, as the undersigned conceive, a want of proper respect, and should not be taken without good and sufficient cause. It is but justice to the late session of the General Assembly, to presume that her proceeding on this subject was dictated by a sense of duty, and it is only reasonable that her action should be subjected to a fair trial. In the absence of such trial, by which alone, we could judge correctly of its merits, we should be wrong to anticipate its failure, and prevent its being carried into effect.

Such a course of legislation, the undersigned hold to be both inconsistent and unjust, and therefore beg leave to dissent from the recommendation of your committee.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

S. N. C. WHITE, in behalf of the Minority.

Which was read.

On motion of Mr. Ghiselin, said bill and substitute were laid on the table, and made the order of the day for Wednesday, the 31st instant.

On motion of Mr. Crane,

The house adjourned until to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

THURSDAY, January 18th, 1838.

The house met. Present the same members as on yesterday. The proceedings of yesterday were read.

The bill, entitled, an act to authorise Nathan Nelson, Trustee of Michael Mealy, to convey by deed, to James Smith, certain real estate therein mentioned,—and,

The resolutions relating to the East wing of the Barracks in Frederick town, in Frederick county;

Were sent to the senate.

The speaker laid before the house a report from the clerk of Somerset county court, relative to the several sums of money paid by him into the Western Shore Treasury, within the year ending on 30th of November;

Which was read and referred to the committee on ways and means.

Also, a report of the chief judge of the 1st judicial district,