

researches, and report to us upon the expediency and probable cost of a geological survey of the state.”

The report of these gentlemen has not been received, but we have been informed by them that it is in preparation, and will shortly be ready to be submitted to your consideration.

In pursuance of the resolution authorising and requesting us to contract for the re-building of the centre division of the State Tobacco Warehouse, No. 2, in the city of Baltimore, and for such other repairs as might be found requisite to put the said warehouse in complete repair, in May last, we employed Mr. John N. Murphy, a builder of experience and competency, to superintend the said work. Mr. Murphy's report and account have just been received. He has finished the centre building, but has not been able to complete the necessary repairs to the other parts of the warehouse, on account, as he states, of the quantity of tobacco therein, which could not be removed until the completion of the centre division.

At the same time, we appointed Jeremiah L. Boyd, another builder of competency and experience, to examine the roof of the state house, and report to us what repairs were necessary to remedy its defects, and for the preservation of the building. At a subsequent session we received Mr. Boyd's report, and employed him to re-cover the roof with tin, and to make the repairs to the dome necessary for the preservation and safety of the house. We had the most explicit assurances from Mr. Boyd that he would have the work completed before the meeting of the legislature, but in this we have been in part disappointed.

Under the resolution directing us to have the Arms in the several armouries cleaned and put in good order, we deemed it necessary and proper to have an authentic report of their condition before proceeding to carry the resolution into effect, and for that purpose, instructed the Adjutant General, whose duty it was made by the resolution, annually to inspect the arms, to have such inspection made and to report to us their condition, designating such as required, and were found worthy of cleansing or repair, and such as should be found useless or unworthy of the expense necessary to render them fit for service. After receiving the Adjutant General's report, we furnished each armorer with a copy of that part of it relating to arms in his care, with instructions to proceed to have the arms, not condemned, put in order as required by the resolution. A part of those in the armoury here have been put in order, and