

To the Honourable the President of the Senate, and the Honourable the Speaker of the House of Delegates of Maryland.

I had the honour, on my arrival at this place, to receive your joint letter of the 24th ult. communicating the intelligence of my election to the senate of the United States. Allow me, gentlemen, to express the great gratification I feel at this indication of the confidence of my fellow-citizens of the legislature of Maryland, with most of whom I have had the pleasure to be associated for some years past in the common duty of promoting the interests of our state. Encouraged by this indication, and anticipating the same indulgent consideration for the future, I accept, with diffidence, the high trust confided to me.

With the highest consideration and respect for the honourable bodies over which you respectively preside, and the greatest regard for yourselves personally,

I remain, yr. most obt. servt.

E. F. Chambers.

Harrisburg, Penn. 13th Feb. 1826.

Which was read.

The house proceeded to the second reading of the supplement to an act to establish state warehouses for the inspection of tobacco in the city of Baltimore.

Mr. Williams moved to insert "or leasing for ninety-nine years, renewable for ever" after the word "building of." Determined in the negative.

Mr. Williams moved to strike out the words "as a fund for that purpose, and to remain subject to their order and control until all the expenses authorised by this act, shall be finally paid and settled." Determined in the negative.

Mr. Barnes moved the following to be added to the bill:

"And be it enacted, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for the inspectors of tobacco in the city of Baltimore, to take, ask, demand or receive, any greater or further sum than fifty cents for each and every hogshead of tobacco which may be inspected by him or them.

And be enacted, That so soon as a sufficient sum of money shall have been received to pay the expense of building or purchasing such warehouse or warehouses as before directed, it shall not from thenceforth be lawful for the said inspectors to charge any sum whatever for the inspection of any tobacco which may be inspected within the city of Baltimore."

Mr. Maxcy offered the following as a substitute:

"And be it enacted, That from and after the passage of this act, the owner or owners of each and every hogshead of tobacco inspected at the houses authorised by this act, or the act to which it is a supplement, shall, instead of the present charge of one dollar, pay to the inspector or inspectors of the house at which such hogshead may be inspected, fifty cents for each hogshead inspected, for the cooperage thereof, on the delivery of the note for such hogshead."

Mr. Duvall moved to add the following to the substitute:

"And when the grower of the tobacco ships it, said tobacco is to have paid on it for outage fifty cents." Determined in the negative.

The question was then put on the substitute proposed by Mr. Maxcy. Determined in the negative.

The question was put on the first section offered by Mr. Barnes. Determined in the negative.