

unless she can find room to land or take in her cargo, at some wharf belonging to the State. No one complains of the regular wharfage, which has always been charged upon every vessel in proportion to her tonnage. The grievance is that vessels, lying at a wharf and paying wharfage, can make no use of it, without also paying a duty on every thing that is landed, or taken on board. The articles carried by the boatmen on the Chesapeake bay, never have an owner, when this tax is to be paid; and the whole burden of it falls on the master, or owner of the vessel.

Within a few days past, my attention has been directed to the proceedings of the convention of Tobacco planters, lately held in Washington city; and particularly to the resolution requesting the "Governors of the several States engaged in the cultivation of tobacco, to call the attention of the Legislatures of their several States, to the subject of the American tobacco trade in foreign countries."

Having had no time to examine this subject, or to consider the tendency of the measures recommended, I can only comply with the request, of the Convention, by calling your attention to their proceedings.

(signed) W. G. Mason.

January 5th 1841.

The Governor sent the following message to the House of Delegates.

January 5th 1841.

To the House of Delegates.

I send herewith all the communications which have been received from the Governor of Virginia, in relation to the refusal of the Governor of New York to deliver up certain fugitives from justice.

(signed) W. G. Mason.

The Governor also sent the following message to the Senate.

January 5th 1841

To the Senate.

I transmit herewith the following papers.

Resolutions of the Legislatures of Indiana and Maine respecting the North Eastern boundary.

Resolutions of the Legislatures of New York and Connecticut respecting the public lands.

Resolutions of the Legislature of Connecticut in relation to the protective system.

Proceedings and resolutions of a meeting of the citizens of Long

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