

in regard to the preliminaries to be observed by the Inspectors of Tobacco before entering upon the discharge of their duties I have prepared and herewith enclose the forms of the affidavits to be taken by them together with the form of the Bond they are to execute, and directions as to the oaths to be taken by the securities before the Bond can be approved. - which Bond when approved is to be deposited together with the affidavits aforesaid in this Department.

I deem this a proper occasion to direct the attention of the Tobacco Inspectors to some general directions connected with the discharge of their official duties which are suggested by the Report of a Legislative Committee that examined into the affairs of the Tobacco Warehouses about two years ago, as well by other information which has come to my knowledge.

By the Report of that Committee it appears that whilst in 1857 the Receipts of the Warehouses amounted to \$57,085.03 and the Expenses to \$57,258.37 - leaving a balance that year to the credit of the State of \$30,426.66, in the following year (1858) the receipts fell off to \$70,798.02 and the expenses increased to \$64,920.58, and in the year 1859 the expenses increased still more remarkably - the receipts being \$92,434.25 and the expenses amounting to \$94,254.51 - making an actual deficit in that years transactions of \$1820 -

These Exhibits certainly present a state of things, which to say the least, would seem to fully justify the opinion expressed by the Committee that "there has been great neglect somewhere, on the part of the Inspectors in the management of the affairs of the various Tobacco Warehouses."

That there shall be no ground for such an imputation upon the part of any Inspector whom I have appointed, is an object which I shall endeavor to keep constantly in view, and in furtherance of which I shall confidently rely upon the assiduous co-operation of the Inspectors.

With this view I desire to present to them some suggestions connected with the discharge of the duty confided to them -

In the first place the Inspectors will be required to give their constant personal attention to the duties of their office and will never but under circumstances of urgent necessity confide the discharge of such duties to a deputy.

A rigid economy in the necessary disbursements of the office will also be invariably observed - Labor is at this time abundant and cheap, and the Inspectors will I hope in its employment be guided by the same considerations that ought to influence a prudent man in the management of his own affairs.

It appears by the Report of the Committee already referred to as well as by information from other sources that very large amounts have heretofore been expended in the single item of nails used in the coopering of Tobacco Whds. and whilst doubtless much may be saved in this item alone,