

Your committee, whilst in Baltimore, received a letter respecting the ground rent said to be paid by the State, on the lot wherever are erected the ware-houses Nos. 3 and 4, which they beg leave to present herewith for the consideration of the Legislature.

All which is respectfully submitted,

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BALTIMORE, 28th Jan. 1841.

To the Honorable the Committee on the subject of the Tobacco Warehouses:

GENTLEMEN:—Tobacco Warehouses No. 3 and 4, are situated on grounds leased by me, and pay an annuity of \$448 11 per year, payable quarterly, without any covenant to buy out; but as I shall want money before long, and as a ground annuity can be sold when scarcely any thing else will bring money at its value, I shall probably have to dispose of my ground-rent on the above property. I have always thought if it come to that, I would offer it to the State rather than to an individual. Some years ago, when money was abundant, I was called on to know if I would sell, and could then have sold at 5 per cent. I would now be willing to sell at that rate, that is, I would take as much 5 per cent. stock, as would pay me \$448 11 interest yearly; I believe it would be the best for both parties, if it can be done. I am advanced in years, and if I were to die, I could not leave the annuity to any one of my children, and in such case, if it was sold to others, they might not sell if even the public authorities wished to buy, so that difficulty might be found in obtaining a fee simple title for the State. I have thought that maybe, with other matters, on your return to Annapolis, the subject of purchasing the annuity might be suggested, and my willingness to sell at this time.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

JNO. J. MYER.