

REPORT.

The committee on Inspections, to whom was referred the order adopted by this House on the 10th of January last, in pursuance of the instructions contained in said order, which are as follows, viz:

“That the Committee on Inspections be directed to proceed to Baltimore, to inquire and examine into the condition and usages of the Tobacco Inspection Warehouses in said city: whether a reduction of expenditures might not be made in said warehouses; and whether the present law regulating the sale of scrap tobacco might not be abolished with advantage to the interests of the State; and to make such general inquiries as may seem proper in reference to said warehouses. Also, ascertain whether a reduction in the price fixed by law for the inspection of ground plaster, might not be made, and to make such other inquiries and examination into the subject of inspections as they may deem proper, with power to send for persons and papers, and report to this House by bill or otherwise”—

Beg leave to make the following partial report:

That as directed by the order adopted by the House, they proceeded to Baltimore, visited, and have closely examined the condition of the Tobacco Warehouses. They found that the Warehouse No. 1, situated on the west side of McElderry's dock, of which John Waring is the inspector, is in a condition requiring the immediate attention of the Legislature, to arrest its progress to decay. A considerable portion of the upper part, and the parapet of the south wall has been thrown down, weakened by the weight and pressure of accumulated snows in the winter season, and is so much injured as to expose to danger that portion of the house. The injury has been suffered to exist without repair, in consequence of the absence of authority on the part of the Inspector make any repairs to the warehouse. The flooring of a portion of the upper stories of the house is so decayed, as to render it unsafe as a lodgment for so heavy an article as tobacco; and the roof in many places so decayed also, that it exposes the tobacco stored in the house to leakages and damage.