

The house is in such condition that if permitted to remain as it is without repair, the evils and dangers complained of and here represented, cannot but increase in magnitude with time. Unsafe for storing tobacco, both before and after its inspection, it must appear manifest, in view of the importance of the interest to the State, an interest annually increasing, and this warehouse inspecting from 10,000 to 12,000 hogsheads yearly, that the house undergo the repairs here pointed out to render it in a proper condition for the prosecution of the purposes for which it is intended, and that it be done at once, before the activity of the spring business shall commence. Your committee have ascertained from the inspector the amount necessary to repair the house, furnished in an estimate by a practical mechanic, in which the cost is set down at \$1,400, and they recommend that the subject be attended to without delay.

The Warehouse No. 2, situated on the east side of Frederick street dock, of which Joseph S. Wilson is the inspector, is in good condition, excepting some trifling repairs which may be needed, which the committee are of opinion the inspector may be allowed to cause to have done, without any express authority.

The warehouse No. 3, situated on the west side of Light street wharf, and fronting on Conway street, of which Nicholas Dorsey is the inspector, is, in the opinion of the committee, in a worse condition than the Warehouse No. 1. The buildings are much older than any of the inspection houses, and have had no great deal of repair since they were built. There are two houses attached to this number of the inspection, and both of them are in a condition calling the immediate attention of the Legislature. The walls of one of the houses, used principally for the storage of tobacco after inspection, in consequence of the foundation not being piled, have settled, and in settling, have parted the masonry, in some places in considerable cavities. The house is at present very unsafe, and the flooring of both the houses, particularly the one in which the tobacco is inspected, should be laid anew. If the condition of the finances of the tobacco warehouse fund will justify the pulling down one of these houses, or so much of it as is necessary, and re-constructing both of them, so as throw them under one roof, and into one house, which the committee deem practicable, it would be ultimately a great saving to the fund, as the house then would hold about one-fourth more tobacco than do both now, and would avoid a heavy expenditure incurred by this house, as well as by the other inspection houses, through the necessity of storing out the inspected tobacco when there is a glut of tobacco in the market, which is done at this house almost every year. It would be advisable to set apart some portion of the warehouse's fund for this purpose, or have the work done, to be paid out of the receipts of the warehouse. An estimate has been furnished the committee of the probable cost of the repair of the warehouse, independent of the reconstruction above referred to, in which the amount is set down at \$900. These repairs are ne-