

cessary, and should at once be made, before the season arrives when the business of the warehouse would be interrupted.

The Warehouse No. 4, situated on the corner of Charles and Conway streets, of which Richard H. Griffith is the inspector, is in excellent order and condition, and at present needing no repairs whatever, having been built but a few years since, of the best materials and substantial construction.

When it is recollected that the tobacco inspection and trade is one of the most important interests of the State, with which the planting interest is closely identified, the committee think that these suggestions and recommendations should have favorable consideration, and that the repairs necessary to be done be speedily made. So large an interest as this needs the fostering care of the State to be extended over every department of it, and every thing connected with the facilitation of inspection. The city of Baltimore is becoming the great depot of the tobacco trade of this State, and of the West; and when the various works of internal improvement are completed, Maryland will occupy a position superior to her sister Atlantic States. Already the canals and rail roads of Pennsylvania are pouring into her lap the treasure and resources of the west, and much of the tobacco trade which formerly found its way to New Orleans, now, by these short methods of communication, is turned to Baltimore. The Western States, particularly Ohio, are embarking largely in the growth of this article, the most of which comes to our State, in consequence of the cheapness of transportation, and facility of transit. We have the nearest, most eligible and most profitable market for the product, and from information received, so rapid will be the increase of the business, that it is the opinion of some, from a consideration of the advantages possessed by our position, that ere long new inspection houses will have to be built. The western article of tobacco, being of a different quality from that of this State, while it adds to revenue, does not affect the planting interest of this State. The inspections of the year 1841 reached near the amount of 40,000 hogsheads.

The amount of shipments from the four warehouses during the year 1841 were large, and will show upon examination, the aspect of the trade, there being very little remaining on hand for spring shipments in comparison with the amount inspected. Below is a statement of the monthly shipments from each warehouse, from the 1st January 1841 to the same date 1842.