

STATEMENT.

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	Hhds.
From Ohio,	244	367	5,893	5,015	11,519
“ Kentucky, . . .	197	20	169	613	999
“ Virginia, . . .	29	40	56	62	187
“ Indiana,	16	. .	. .	. .	16
“ Carolina, . . .	2	. .	. .	. .	2
“ Missouri, . . .	. .	20	85	. .	105
“ Pennsylvania,	. .	. .	8	. .	8
	488	447	6,211	5,690	12,836
“ Maryland, . .	11,073	10,983	6,180	5,578	33,814
Total,	11,561	11,430	12,391	11,268	46,650

From which it will be seen, that the receipts of foreign tobacco are more than one-fourth of the whole amount inspected, and that the state of Ohio alone, furnishes to the Baltimore market, more than one-third as much, as does Maryland; and nearly one-fourth as much as the whole amount inspected. It will also be seen, that almost the entire bulk of the foreign tobacco, is inspected at the warehouses Nos. 3 and 4, situated on the west side of the basin, at the terminus of a lateral switch of the main stem of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road, and nearer in point of eligibility to the depots of the companies, who transport, upon the internal improvements of Pennsylvania; and that, whatever increase takes place in the receipts of western tobacco, must, from their situations, be received and accommodated at these warehouses.

The committee, from their investigation, can find little cause of complaint against the conduct of the affairs of the warehouses, believing as they do, that the inspectors have conducted the operations of the houses, with an eye to the great and important interest over which they are placed, to guard and protect. From their examination, it does not appear that an unnecessary amount of labor has been employed, as it requires a large number of hands to facilitate the business, during the busy season, which comprehends about nine months of the year; but they believe, that if a law was passed, limiting the number of hands to each warehouse to four, the balance of the year, that much would be saved to the tobacco fund, as comparatively little is done during the months of December, January and February.

The committee are of the opinion, that there is a necessity of designating by law, a “Shipping Clerk,” and a “Marker and Weigher,” for each warehouse. As the law now is, but one clerk is allowed to each, and at times, even three and four extra hands, employed in these capacities, must be obtained, to facilitate inspection. By designating these as officers by law, and appointed by the inspectors, much more responsibility would