

## REPORT.

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The select committee appointed by the House of Delegates charged with the examination into the present condition of the State tobacco warehouses and also the State wharves, in the city of Baltimore, make the following report to the house, that they have performed the duty assigned them and take great pleasure in stating that they found the several tobacco warehouses in good condition except some slight repairs necessary to be made at number two and number three, the inspectors at each house were polite, frank and prompt in answering the various interrogatories propounded and their answers satisfactory to your committee. Your committee is of opinion that much expense to the State might be saved by the use of a somewhat smaller nail in the cooperage of the hogsheads, as the article of nails form a large item of the cost at said warehouses.

By an examination of the Treasurer's report it will be seen that the expenses for the years eighteen hundred and forty-eight and forty-nine, amounts to the sum of forty-four thousand one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and thirty-five cents, embracing the commissions and other deductions consequent upon said inspections, including repairs of houses, and although the amount is large your committee is clearly of opinion from all that they could discover that there has been a due regard on the part of the present inspectors to economy, when compared with the immense amount of labor necessarily employed in the storing, inspecting and shipping seventy-nine thousand three hundred and thirty-six hogsheads of tobacco, much of which has been handled two or three times in storing or otherwise. The State being unprovided with sufficient room for the number of hogsheads of tobacco owing to the great quantity arriving in market the inspectors have been obliged to procure rooms for storage elsewhere for tobacco for which there was no room in the State's warehouses, and thereby an expense for storage and drayage for two years was incurred at warehouse number one, of three thousand one hundred and twenty three dollars and fifty-nine cents; at warehouse number three, for the two years, five thousand nine hundred and forty dollars and seventy cents, and leaving a balance due of one thousand five hundred and seven dollars and sixty cents yet unpaid, and at warehouse number four, for two years, the sum of six thousand four hundred and sixteen dollars and forty-six cents has been incurred.