

would be entirely competent to perform all the duties now discharged by the three. Your committee, however, recommend that experience should determine that fact; but should it be found that two inspectors are competent to perform all the duties, then there would be an additional saving of two thousand dollars annually for the salaries of one inspector and his clerk. It would by having all the inspectors at one place, enable them to have the aid and benefit of each others judgment and opinion upon the order and condition in which tobacco should be passed, and thereby establishing a more uniform standard of inspection and sampling, which is of the first importance to the maker and shipper of the article—again, it would bring together at the place of inspection, all the dealers and shippers of the article; they would see the tobacco opened, and the competition which would necessarily be produced amongst the purchasers would enable the owner to sell more readily and to obtain the highest market price for his tobacco.

Your committee therefore concur in the report of the commissioners, and recommend the concentration of the tobacco inspection houses, upon the states property purchased of Dugan and O'Donnel.

Should the house concur in this report, it will become necessary for the state to build an additional warehouse at the end of the one purchased of O'Donnel, to contain between three and four thousand hogsheads, and to authorise the sale of the one at the head of the basin called Shepherd's, which according to the best information your committee can obtain, would bring more than its original cost, the proceeds of which would be amply, if not more than sufficient to build the additional house, and to repair the centre warehouse, which must in any event be done, as it is now in a state of delapidation and unfit for the reception of tobacco; the repairs are estimated by the commissioners to cost \$6,000. Bills to carry into effect these measures, will be reported by the committee.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN EDELEN, Chairman.

Which was read.

Mr. Mitchell, chairman of the committee on divorces, made unfavorable reports on the petition of Fanny Easterday, of Frederick county,

And the petition of Mary Wilson, of the city of Baltimore, severally praying to be divorced,

Which were severally read the first and second time by special order, and concurred in.