

Treasurer, which led to enhanced charges and exactions, and which has had a tendency to drive the Western trade to other markets, thereby injuring our own.

The State of Maryland has the right to regulate her own inspections, but she cannot prevent the production from other States being shipped in transit, and unless she makes her charges and conditions acceptable, and provides sufficient and proper accommodations for Western tobacco, the whole of that crop will be stored in private warehouses in the future, (as we have been informed that about 13,000 hogsheads of Western tobacco, during the past year, were stored in private warehouses, shipped in transit, or sold on Western samples,) without ever entering the State warehouses.

We are glad, however, to be able to report that for the last year or so the attention of the inspectors and a faithful and economical administration of the system has, in a great measure, abated the complaints heretofore made, and the returns for the present year will show a net revenue from this source to be \$13,147.24.

Believing that every change should be made which would have a tendency to promote the interest of all interested in the trade, after a careful and serious consideration, and after consulting freely with planter, buyer and seller, your Committee are thoroughly of the opinion that the present system, with some modifications and additions, is the best that can be devised. The objections are, that there has been so many enactments on the Tobacco Laws, that it is almost impossible to know what laws we are working under at present. We would, therefore, most respectfully suggest that an entire law be framed, simple and concise, and all other laws upon this subject be repealed.

That in framing such a law, particular attention would be paid to the following, viz: First, doing away with the Deputy Inspector by requiring the Inspector to discharge his duties himself, as the fact of having Deputy Inspectors is only a shield to protect Inspectors from responsibility; second, that the Inspector be required to make the samples of each hogshead fully represent the hogshead inspected, and not average as is now the case; third, to make it a penal offence for any one to tamper with samples after they pass from control of the Inspector; fourth, to make all tobacco received at the warehouses, from whatever source, free of storage for one year after reception, and to be charged storage after that time; fifth, to reduce the charge of outage to its lowest possible point, so that it may just meet expenses, and not be a source of revenue to the State; sixth, to abolish the charge of cooperage; seventh, that all false packed