

The report submitted by Mr. Geyer, chairman of the select committee, on the 13th inst. upon the memorial of W. D. Jenks, Lewis Ramsburgh, and others, of Frederick county, praying for the use of the eastern wing of the State Barracks in said county, as a cooconery, to enable them more advantageously to prosecute their enterprise of rearing the silk worm, and the culture of silk, was taken up for consideration, read the second time, the report concurred in, and the resolutions therein contained assented to.

The hour having arrived for taking up the order of the day, the house proceeded to consider the bill reported by Mr. Bowie, entitled, an act, supplementary to an act, entitled, an act, to limit the time for which tobacco inspectors shall continue to hold their offices, passed at December session, 1836.

Mr. White from the minority of the committee delivered the following report, which he offered as a substitute for said bill,

The undersigned, a minority of the Select Committee, to whom were referred memorials from sundry citizens of Prince George's, Anne Arundel and Baltimore, praying the repeal of an act passed at the last session of the General Assembly, to limit the tenure by which Tobacco Inspectors in the city of Baltimore hold their offices, beg leave respectfully to

REPORT:

That they have carefully considered the prayer of the memorialists, and have come to the conclusion that it is unreasonable and ought not to be granted. The undersigned feel confident, that the policy of this act is in strict conformity with the spirit of those provisions of the Constitution, which require rotation in office; and while free to condemn the removal from office, of faithful and well-tried public servants, for slight and frivolous causes; they regard a proper system of changes in office, as the best guaranty for official fidelity on the one hand, and the public good upon the other.—Such a system looks to fair participation by the people in the benefits of Government, and by laying restraints upon patronage, places the rewards of office in a proper relation to public merit.

Offices, the undersigned believe, are created by law for the convenience of the people, and are to be regarded as public property in which no one has vested rights beyond the time of his appointment: when therefore the Legislature attempts in the performance of a sheer duty to make such changes in their tenure as are necessary to insure the greatest amount of public usefulness, she commits no violence upon private rights.

The undersigned do not apprehend any danger to the Tobacco interest from the occasional changes of Inspectors proposed by this law: for it is but fair to suppose that the risk of bad appointments will be fully obviated by a proper vigilance in the appointing power.

In regard to the right of the General Assembly under the Con-