

expended, there will still be a surplus to the credit of that fund. This, your committee think would be desirable and proper at all times, as in the event of any interruption in the exportation of Tobacco, it will be necessary to resort to the Treasury to pay the expenses of inspection, inasmuch as the chief amount of revenue derived from the article is not received until its delivery for shipment.

Your committee are of opinion, that the surplus now in the Treasury will not be much less at any time during the year, than it now is, for before the present amount can be expended, additional sums will be coming in, as by reference to the estimates of the probable receipts into the Treasury for the ensuing year, you will perceive that the Treasurer has put down twenty thousand dollars to the credit of the Tobacco inspection fund; and by reference to the expenses chargeable to that fund, it will be seen that they were set down for last year at fourteen thousand dollars, a much larger sum than is usual for that purpose, so that we may safely calculate on an excess of revenue above the expenses, of at least, six thousand dollars, which in all probability will be sufficient to meet the demands for repairs.

Your committee will leave to those who may come after them the province of considering the expediency of adjusting this fund, so as to bring the receipts and the expenditure to a more equal scale; after there shall have accrued a sum, sufficient, in any event, to answer such demands as may arise in consequence of a temporary suspension of receipts from this source of revenue, your committee are of opinion, that it would be nothing more than just, that the cost upon the inspection of this article should be confined to such sum as shall be found necessary to defray the expenses thereof, which would only be placing the article of Tobacco upon an equality with the other staple products of the state. Your committee offer for your consideration the following resolutions.

Signed,

B. J. HEARD, Chairman.

1st. *Resolved by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the Governor and Council be, and they are hereby authorised and required at as early a period as may be convenient to them, to contract for the rebuilding of the centre division of the State Tobacco Ware-house, No. 2, in the city of Baltimore, and for such other repairs as may be found requisite to put the said ware-house in complete repair.