

tobacco shall be confiscated or repacked at the expense of the owner, or punished by penal prosecution, but only in cases when it is manifest that fraud was intended or attempted; eighth, that there should be appointed one supervisor, as the responsible head of the whole system, who shall overlook and direct the management of the warehouses, in the most economical manner; who shall receive and investigate all complaints or changes originated by any one interested or aggrieved. Your Committee are of the opinion, that more than one-half of the expenses of the warehouses could be saved to the Tobacco Fund, were there a head-centre, whose duty it should be to see that no more labor was employed than was necessary to carry on the operations of the different warehouses.

During the last few years the Tobacco Fund, that for more than thirty years had been kept separate as originally intended, has been mixed up in the general account of the State. To have it again properly audited and to bring forward the large balance in its favor, is surely a necessary requisite. It will be found, we think, that the State has used large amounts from this source to which she cannot be entitled, neither by the intention of the Institution, nor by the laws of the United States. With these amounts credited to the Tobacco Fund, and the possession of the several warehouses, a good administration will, in our judgment, make the system again promotive of the interest for which it was intended.

Upon visiting the several warehouses, we find No. 1 Warehouse very much out of repair, the first floor is entirely gone, and above, there is a good deal of repair needed, and the roof, owing to the fire of the adjoining warehouse a few years past, has been injured to a considerable extent, so much so that a portion of the house cannot be used for storage of tobacco; the pavement also is in bad condition, and the spouting out of order.

No. 2, we find in need of immediate repairs, and unless some steps are taken at once, we think the house will be unfit for use; nearly every floor is in bad condition—the windows are all out and tobacco exposed to the weather. While at this house, our attention was called to the dangerous condition of the warehouse wharves, and, in our judgment, the wharf property should at once be repaired.

No. 3, we find in good condition, needing but little repair.

No. 4, requires a new floor below, the sky-lights need immediate repair, and new spouting is needed upon the entire building; the steps are in bad condition, and the hatches and roof both need repair.