

TOBACCO INSPECTIONS.

Table No. 6 of the Appendix exhibits the receipts and disbursements on account of the State Tobacco Inspections in Baltimore for the year 1859. The gross receipts, it will be perceived, were \$92,434.25, and the disbursements in the same period were \$94,254.51, leaving a deficiency of \$1,820.26 to be met by drafts upon the Tobacco Fund.

The Inspectors represent that they cannot "full stay" tobacco for \$1, the sum fixed in section 5 of the Act of Assembly of 1858, and that, in fact, it costs about \$1.50; consequently it will be necessary to amend the law in this respect.

During the past year an unusually large quantity of Tobacco was received for storage, and a comparatively limited amount shipped; the warehouses being filled, the Inspectors applied to this Department for instructions; although unable to find any legislative provision upon the subject, the Comptroller deemed it his duty to advise them to procure storage room upon the best terms possible, and to defray the expense out of their receipts. The attention of the Legislature is respectfully called to the necessity of providing for future contingencies of this nature.

GRAIN INSPECTIONS.

The Inspectors of Grain in the city of Baltimore returned to this Department, in the fiscal year, \$5,283.71, one-half of which amount was disbursed for salaries, and \$219.53 for payment of assistants; leaving the nett sum of \$2,422.33 in the Treasury to the credit of the Grain Fund.

It appears, by the monthly reports of the Inspector General, that 339,765 bushels of wheat, and 371,202 bushels of corn and other grain were inspected during the year.

In their settlements, the Grain Inspectors have claimed to be entitled to the full amount of the sums prescribed in the Act, as the limit of their salaries, even if it should be neces-