

As the salaries of these officials amount in the aggregate to the sum of \$9,000.00, the system is still a tax upon the Treasury to the amount of \$3,902.36, to say nothing of the ground-rents and insurance upon the ware-houses which are annually paid by the State. If inspection of tobacco we must have, let it be self sustaining.

The gross receipts from these ware-houses is quite a round sum, and should be made to pay every expense attending the inspection, including the salaries of the inspectors.

I would, therefore, suggest the passage of a law relieving the State Treasury from every tax growing out of the inspection of tobacco.

ADDITIONAL CLERICAL FORCE.

The work of the Treasury Department is on the increase and some additional clerical force is absolutely needed.

I would suggest that an additional clerk be given to the Treasurer's office, and provision made for his salary in the appropriations which you will be called upon to make for the State government.

CONCLUSION.

Having called your attention to the principal statements and tables mentioned in this report, and made such comment on them as, in my judgment, the subject and the occasion require, I now propose to bring my remarks to a close.

In doing so, let me say, that by an economical administration of our State government I believe the people of this State can be relieved in a few years of all direct taxes, except for the support of Public Education.

With receipts aggregating annually the sum of \$2,000,000.00; with expenditures, if economy is practiced, not exceeding \$1,600,000.00, in non-legislative years, and a fraction over \$1,700,000.00, in legislative years, it does not require much calculation to demonstrate the entire feasibility of wiping out in a short period of time every direct loan tax imposed upon the property of this State.