

TOBACCO INSPECTIONS.

In *Statement No. 11* may be found the amount of the gross receipts from the State Tobacco Inspections in the City of Baltimore, during the fiscal year just closed, which was \$63,019.80 and the expenses were \$45,196.32, leaving a nett balance of \$17,823.48 applicable to the payment of interest on Tobacco debt, the erection of Warehouses, ground-rent, &c. The recommendation of the Comptroller in relation to Warehouse No. 6, just completed in Baltimore, made in the last annual Report to the Executive, is here renewed.

The amounts respectively returned by the several Inspectors are set forth in *Statement No. 12*.

During the year 1854, the Comptroller, finding that there was no insurance upon any of the Tobacco Warehouses in Baltimore, and believing it improper, that so much of the State's property should be uninsured, effected, during the temporary absence of the Executive, an insurance on all these Warehouses. The insurance has been continued and the premium paid out of the Executive Contingent Fund. It is necessary that a sufficient sum should be appropriated for this purpose.

AGENTS OF INSURANCE COMPANIES NOT INCORPORATED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF MARYLAND.

The Agents of Insurance Companies, not incorporated by the Legislature of Maryland, should pay a specific sum of money for a License to act, as such Agents, in lieu of all other taxes therefor, and should be required, before obtaining a License, to furnish such evidence of the condition of the Company, for which they propose to act, as would give to the people of Maryland some guarantee of its solvency. Such penalties for a violation of the law, on this subject, should be prescribed, that the application by an Agent for a proper License would be effectually secured. Advertising an Agency, or putting up a sign, as such Agent, if proven to have been done with his assent, to be *prima facie* evidence of a violation of the law.