

dent, that every possible exertion will be made to meet their obligations. The further action of this Department will depend upon the future conduct of these Companies.

### TOBACCO INSPECTIONS.

The gross receipts from the State Tobacco Inspections in Baltimore for the fiscal year, as exhibited in *Table No. 6*, appear to have been \$70,798 02, and the expenses for the same time were for wages to laborers and incidental expenses, \$43,362 15; and for salaries of Inspectors, Clerks, and for nails, \$21,558 43, making the total expenses \$64,920 58, leaving the sum of \$5,877 44 to be applied to the payment of the interest of the Tobacco debt, &c.

In the year preceding the gross receipts were \$87,685 03, and the expenses were for wages to laborers and incidental expenses \$36,032 54, and for salaries of Inspectors, Clerks, and for nails \$21,225 83, making a total of \$57,258 37, and leaving the sum of \$30,426 66 applicable to the payment of the Tobacco debt, &c.

An Act of Assembly was passed in 1858, increasing the salaries of the Clerks in the Warehouses; but as there was no knowledge at this office of the design to pass such an act, the appropriation for the Tobacco Warehouses was set down at the usual figures, and hence the Comptroller could not allow to the Clerks the increase which the Legislature seemed to contemplate, lest the appropriation should be exceeded.

The sum of \$3,000 was appropriated by chapter 332, of 1858, "for the repairing and keeping in repair the State Tobacco Warehouses in the City of Baltimore." By this act it was made "the duty of the Comptroller, upon the application of any of the Tobacco Inspectors, to have such repairs made from time to time, as in his judgment may be necessary for the security and protection of the said houses." Repairs have been made in accordance with the provisions of this law, \$2,193 82 of the appropriation expended, and the Warehouses put in better condition than they have been for years.