

Report of the inspecting
committee on the premises of
Charles Merrick Sept 13th 1871

The inspection took place at the time Mr Merrick was preparing his fallow and cutting off corn. We found his fallow in very fine condition and all ready for the wheat; the soil as far as we could judge was a stiff white clay well adapted to wheat - we suggest the use of manures which have a tendency to lighten as well as enrich the land. The corn crop was heavy and well cured, and showed care and attention both in his manner of improving and treating the land and his mode of culture. His pumpkins growing with his corn presented a fine appearance, but we think it would save both time and labor to grow them separately. His horses came next under our notice and we found them in good condition as most horses are at this season of the year; our attention was directed to his two Tanberville colts - three & two years old respectively - they were really fine sized colts for their age and deserve our especial approval. The most of his cattle were in good condition - but showing no particular breed or breeding; we noticed a very