

firmation, only at the regular sessions of the Legislature. I therefore decline to accede to your request.

THOS. H. HICKS.

Which was read, and referred to the Committee on Executive Nominations.

A bill, entitled, An act appropriating a sum of money to compensate Joseph E. Bateman, Sheriff of Harford county, for extra official services rendered under the authority of the Governor,

Was taken up, read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

Mr. Heckart, from the Committee on Militia, submitted the following

#### REPORT:

The undersigned, a majority of the Committee on Militia, to whom was referred the petitions laid before the Senate in relation to a bill now before the Senate, entitled, "An act to make valid the commission of Tench Tilghman, as Major General of the Second Division of Maryland Militia," beg leave respectfully to report—

That they have had the charges contained in said petitions under consideration, and are satisfied that all the charges therein made have not the slightest foundation in truth, and that they are unworthy of any further consideration on the part of the Senate.

The petitions are duplicates of each other, and were manifestly prepared by the same hand, and sent to the different parts of the State for signatures.

Your Committee, therefore, re-report favorably the bill re-committed to them, expressing the hope that it will pass the Senate by a unanimous vote; and your Committee ask to be discharged from any further consideration of the matter of said petitions.

J. J. HECKART, *Chairman:*

THOMAS J. McKAIG,

THOS. FRANKLIN.

Which was read.

Mr. Stone, from the Committee on Militia, submitted the following minority

#### REPORT:

We, the undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Militia, to whom was referred "An act to make valid the commission and