

several commissioners, is appended to the answer, in which they affirm that the matters set forth are true, to the best of their knowledge and belief.

ANSWER OF SHERIFF THOMSON.

To the Hon. R. N. Martin, Judge of the Superior Court: The answer of Wm. Thomson to the bill of complaint against him in this court, exhibited by Alex. M. Rogers and others, respectfully shows:

This answer recites the same preliminaries as the preceding answer of the Police Board, and continues.

Further answering, this respondent says that in virtue of the duties imposed on him as sheriff of the City of Baltimore, and of one of the sections of said law, which was brought to his attention, he did cause to be advertised in the newspapers named in the notice, of which a copy is inserted in the said bill of complaint, and did direct that the same should be so published in accordance with the provisions of law and with his sense of duty, intending to faithfully and fully perform the same without regard to his own personal wishes or political bias; but he did not agree or bargain with the publishers of said papers that the said advertisement should be paid for with the moneys of the State of Maryland.

This respondent further answering, says that he is advised that the said law passed by the General Assembly as aforesaid, and the amendments thereto, are not in violation or subversive of the Constitution of this State and of the laws thereof, and of the 45th article of the Declaration of Rights, or of any other article thereof, but that it is his duty as sheriff of the City of Baltimore to comply with the requirements thereof.

Further answering he admits that the articles of the Constitution and Bill of Rights recited in said bill of complaint are correctly recited, but he is instructed and advised that nevertheless the General Assembly aforesaid had the right and power to enact the law and amendments aforesaid, and that the pretended violations of the Constitution and Bill of Rights set out in said bill of complaint are unfounded, as would clearly appear to the said complainants if they properly understood and would impar-