

Mr. Page presented the remonstrance of fifty citizens of Somerset county, against the formation of the proposed new county out of parts of Somerset and Worcester counties, and residing within the limits of said new county ;

Which was read, and,

On motion of Mr. Page ;

Referred to the Select Committee upon that subject.

Mr. Tarr, of Worcester, submitted the following order :

Ordered, That when this Convention adjourns on Friday next, it stands adjourned until Tuesday, July 9th.

Which was read and laid over informally.

Mr. Dobbin, Chairman of the Committee upon the Judiciary Department submitted the following

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE UPON THE JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT.

JUDICIARY DEPARTMENT.—PART I.—GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Section 1. The Judicial power of this State shall be vested in a Court of Appeals, Circuit Courts, Orphans' Courts, such Courts for the city of Baltimore as are hereinafter provided for, and Justices of the Peace; all said Courts shall be Courts of Record, and each shall have a seal to be used in the authentication of all process issuing from them. The process and official character of Justices of the Peace shall be authenticated as hath heretofore been practiced in this State, or may hereafter be prescribed by law.

Sec. 2. The Judges of all of the said Courts shall be citizens of the State of Maryland, and qualified voters thereof, and shall have resided therein not less than five years, and not less than one year next preceding their election or appointment in the Judicial Circuit, as the case may be, for which they may be respectively elected or appointed. They shall be not less than thirty years of age at the time of their election or appointment, and shall be selected from those who have been admitted to practice law in this State, and who are most distinguished for integrity, wisdom and sound legal knowledge.

Sec. 3. The Judges of the said several Courts shall be elected by the qualified voters in their respective Judicial Circuits as hereinafter provided, at the General election to be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November next. Each of the said Judges shall hold his office during