

nominations from holding any office within the appointing power of the Executive.

Mr. Tarr, of Worcester, presented the petition of H. Humphreys, W. S. Parsons, and two hundred and eighty-two others, in relation to the formation of a new county, to be composed of parts of Somerset and Worcester counties.

The President laid before the Convention a lengthy letter from Mr. A. Watson, of Washington city, on the crime of nepotism, or many of a family in office. He sets forth at length its evils, citing the career of Napoleon Bonaparte as an instance, in that he waged such terrible wars and piled up the great debts of Europe in the interest of members of his own family, to put them on neighboring thrones, etc. He shows the evils of it also in our national government, nepotism largely prevailing in Washington, and finally suggests a new article for the Maryland constitution, declaring that "no person elected to office in this State shall appoint his own relatives to office; nor shall two persons of one family hold office by appointment in this State; nor shall the relative of any person holding office in this State, or in any other State, or under the United States, either civil or military, be appointed to office in this State; nor shall any bank, insurance, railroad or other stock company appoint two persons of one family to office," etc.—the violation of the article knowingly to be punished by impeachment and fine, and removal from office. Mr. Watson says:

"It is common for noted nepotists to get one of their family in a city government, one in the county, one in the State, one in each of the departments of the general government, at the capital or elsewhere, and one in the army and navy. In this way they get in a score or two, and yet they are so scattered that they are hard to find. The article is written to reach all such cases. I shall propose this article in each State which may form a new constitution during the year, and I shall then propose it to Congress at its next session."

#### EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Mr. Stoddert, from the Committee on the Executive