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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
AUGUSTA

November 29, 1935

Ralph T. Parker, Esquire
114 Congress Street
Farmford, Maine

Dear Brother Parker:

Your letter of November 9, addressed to Governor Brann, has been handed this department for reply.

I am pleased to inform you that I agree with you regarding the incompatibility of the offices of county treasurer and judge of a municipal court.

Many of the fines collected through the municipal court are paid to the county treasurer and, if the judge was county treasurer, it would be a case of paying fines collected by him to himself as treasurer; and in case the judge should fail to pay the fines as provided by statute, it might be his duty to bring suit as treasurer against himself as judge. Consequently it seems to me it would be against public policy for one and the same person to hold these offices.

Very truly yours,

Deputy Attorney General

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