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September 17, 1942

John S. S. Fessenden, Deputy Attorney General

Sumner Sewall, Governor of Maine

We are returning, herewith, the letter of Rex P. Crocker, dated August 25th, 1942, upon which letter you requested a ruling as to the status of Dr. A. K. Curtis now named as a County Medical Examiner.

You are advised that under the provisions of Chapter 241 of the Public Laws of 1939, one of the qualifications for appointment as Medical Examiner is that the physician be a bona fide resident of the County for which he is appointed. Also the Attorney General has heretofore ruled that a person holding an office under the State of Maine who removes his residence from the State of Maine, abandons his office. If the facts stated by Dr. Crocker are correct, in other words, if Dr. Curtis has in fact moved to Connecticut and is no longer a resident of the State of Maine, you have authority to declare a vacancy in the office of Medical Examiner and to proceed to the appointment of a new Examiner in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 241, Public Laws of 1939.

Deputy Attorney General

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