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January 25, 1945

Fred M. Berry, State Auditor
From Ralph W. Farris, Attorney General

I have your memo of January 18th relating to the allowance of traveling expenses for a Judge of the Lincoln Municipal Court from his home to the Court House.

Your question is whether or not the Judge of this court is entitled to his expenses from his home to the Court House, which is where the court room is located.

In answer to the question I will say that Section 9 of Chapter 239 of the Private and Special Laws of 1913 provides as follows: ". . . and the necessary expenses of the judge, or recorder, incurred in such hearing shall be paid in addition to his regular salary from the county treasury." It is my opinion that the Judge of this court is entitled to his necessary expenses for travel from his residence to the place of holding court and his meals while attending court at Wiscasset, the county seat, where the Court House is located. For my further information you state in your memo that it is your understanding that a uniform charge of \$3. is made for this travel expenses, and I will say that it may be deemed advisable to have the Judge set forth his necessary expenses incurred in any hearing, such as use of automobile and meals, whatever the case may be.

RWF:c