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To:  
Alfred B. Chaput, Chairman  
Lincoln County Commissioners  
Wiscasset, Maine

With reference to your visit today at this office to inquire whether it is the duty of the County Commissioners to compensate the person appointed by the Clerk of the Superior Court to act in his absence during his illness, I find that this subject is covered by our statutes.

Section 114 of Chapter 79 fixes the annual salaries of the Clerks of Courts of the various counties of the State. The salary fixed according to its explicit provisions is in full compensation for the performance of all the duties of the office including "clerks pro tempore employed by them." It would thus seem from these provisions that the obligation to pay for such services is that of the Clerk and that the County Commissioners would have no duty with respect to it.

Abraham Breitbard  
Deputy Attorney General

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