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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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AN ACT Relating to Homesteads.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

**Sec. 1. R. S., c. 95, § 69, amended.** Section 69 of chapter 95 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**‘Sec. 69. Claim for homestead exemption to be recorded in registry of deeds; amount of exemption.** Such person may file in the registry of deeds in the county or district where the land lies, a certificate signed by him, declaring his wish for such exemption, and describing the land and buildings; and the register shall record it in a suitable book; and so much of such property as does not exceed ~~five hundred dollars~~ \$1000 in value, is exempt from attachment or levy on execution issued on a judgment recovered for any debt, contracted jointly or severally by such person after the date of the recording thereof; and the record in the register’s office is prima facie evidence that the certificate purporting to be there recorded, was made, signed, and filed as there appears.’

**Sec. 2. R. S., c. 95, § 70, amended.** Section 70 of chapter 95 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

**'Sec. 70. Proceedings when creditor claims that homestead is worth more than \$1000.** When such property is claimed by a creditor to be of greater value than ~~five hundred dollars~~ **\$1000**, it may be seized on execution, and the appraisers shall first set off such part thereof as the debtor may select, and if he neglects so to do, the officer may select for him, to such value, by metes and bounds; and they shall then appraise and set off to the creditor, so much of the remainder as may be necessary to satisfy the execution; the appraisers shall be sworn accordingly and the officer shall make return of his doings thereon.'