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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
THIRTY-SEVEN

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**AN ACT Creating a Recorder and Raising the Jurisdiction of the Norway  
Municipal Court.**

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

**Sec. 1. Office of recorder established.** The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall appoint a recorder of the Norway municipal court, who shall be an attorney-at-law and duly sworn, hold his office for a term of 4 years, and shall reside in the town of Norway or Paris. Said recorder shall keep the records of said court when requested so to do by the judge; and in the absence or inability of the judge, or when there is a vacancy in the office of judge, the recorder shall have and exercise all the powers of the judge, and perform all the duties required of said judge by law, and shall be empowered to sign and issue all processes and papers, and do all acts as fully and with the same effect as the judge could do were he acting in the premises; and the signature of the recorder as such, shall be sufficient evidence of his right to act instead of the judge.

**Sec. 2. Salary.** For all such services by said recorder performed and rendered and for his services in acting during the absence of or the inability of the judge of said Norway municipal court to so act, or during said vacancy, said recorder shall receive annually the sum of \$300 payable

quarterly out of the county treasury of said county of Oxford on the 1st days of July, October, January and April of each year.

**Sec. 3. Vacancy in office.** When the office of recorder of said court is vacant the judge of said court shall perform all the duties of said recorder until a recorder is appointed and qualified.

**Sec. 4. Jurisdiction.** In addition to such jurisdiction as said court now has by law, the Norway municipal court shall have original jurisdiction concurrent with the superior court, in all civil actions where the debt or damage demanded does not exceed \$300 in which any defendant or person summoned as trustee shall reside or have a place of business in said county of Oxford, or, if not an inhabitant of the state, shall be commorant in the county of Oxford.

When any defendant has any attachable property within the county of Oxford and the same has been attached, said court shall have same jurisdiction over said defendant and his property that the superior court has in similar cases, and said municipal court shall order such service or notice as said superior court might order in like cases.