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ACTS AND RESOLVES  
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STATE OF MAINE

1905.

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**Chapter 58.**

An Act to amend Chapter thirty-four, Section three of the Revised Statutes, relating to Notaries Public.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. Section three of chapter thirty-four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out in the fourth line thereof after the word "notaries," the following words: "take depositions and do any official act which may be performed by a justice of the peace; take acknowledgment of deeds and other instruments, and administer oaths in all cases where a justice of the peace can act; certify country products;" also by striking out after the word "law," in the tenth line, the words "and shall record at length, in a book of records, all acts, protests, depositions, and other things, by him noted or done in his official capacity;" also by adding at the end of said section the following words: 'he may do all things that justices of the peace are or may be authorized to do and shall have the same territorial jurisdiction; he shall record all mercantile and marine protests by him noted and done in his official capacity,' so that said section as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 3,  
chapter 34,  
R. S.,  
amended.

'Section 3. He may, in behalf of any person interested, present any bill of exchange or other negotiable paper for acceptance or payment to any party liable therefor; notify indorsers or other parties thereto; record and certify all contracts usually recorded or certified by notaries; and in general, do all acts which may be done by notaries public according to the usages of merchants, and authorized by law; he may do all things that justices of the peace are or may be authorized to do and shall have the same territorial jurisdiction; he shall record all mercantile and marine protests by him noted and done in his official capacity.'

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duties of.

Section 2. This act shall apply to notaries public already appointed and shall validate any acts heretofore done by them which would be valid hereunder.

Former acts  
validated.