CHAPTER XXXVII.

An Act to prohibit Notaries Public and other officers from affixing their signatures to acknowledgments and other documents, unless the parties appear before them.

SECTION 1. Notaries Public exercising the duties of their office after expiration of their commission, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor-penalty.

- 2. Disposition of fines.
- 3. When act to take effect.

Beitenacted by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

SECTION 1. Any notary public or other officer au-thorized by law to take acknowledgments, exercising what to be deemed the dutics of their respective offices after the expiration of their commissions or term of office, or when otherwise disqualified, or appending their official signatures to acknowledgments or other document, when the parties executing the same have not appeared before them, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be subject to a fine, not to exceed one hundred dollars for each offence, to be recovered before any justice of the peace of the county, upon complaint, under oath, of any person; and, upon conviction thereof, their term of office shall cease.

> SEC. 2. All fines imposed by this act, shall be paid into the county treasury for the support of common schools.

> SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 1, 1864.

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