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To Honorable Percival P. Baxter, Governor of Maine  
Re: Calling of a Constitutional Convention

Replying to your question about calling a Constitutional Convention, I wish to say that Article IV, Part 3, Section 13 of the Constitution provides:

"The legislature shall, by two-thirds concurrent vote of both branches have the power to call a constitutional convention for the purpose of amending this constitution."

I find no authority given the Governor by the Constitution or the statutes relating to the subject.

Of course, the Governor has the power to call the legislature in extraordinary session and request them to call a convention, but he has no power to compel the legislature to do so. . .

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