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To State Department of Education, attention of Mr. Libby  
Re: Powers of Building Committee

Answering your inquiry as to the power of the "Building Committee" of Dover-Foxcroft, acting in accordance with Article 5 in town meeting warrant of March 17, and Article 4 in warrant of meeting of July 14th, we beg to advise you that we are of the opinion that the powers of the "Building Committee" do not extend beyond the securing of plans and specifications, as voted at the March 17th meeting, and the erection of the building, as evidently, was intended to be voted at the July 14th meeting. The July 14th vote left to the determination of the Building Committee the "kind of construction and capacity of the contemplated new building".

This vote was rather indefinite and did not actually, in words, empower the Building Committee to proceed with the construction of the building, but it is fair to assume that it was the intent of the meeting to give the Committee that power.

When the building was finished in accordance with the plans and specifications, the power of the Building Committee ceased. They had performed all the acts which they were authorized to perform, by the inhabitants of the town by the aforesaid votes.

The Building Committee was a special committee appointed by the selectmen as authorized by Article 5 of the 17th of March meeting. They were appointed for a specific purpose; they were authorized by the vote of the town to do certain things. They had no power to act in any other matter. The power to provide the equipment and furnishings was not given them by the town, hence they cannot act in this regard.

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