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STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
AUGUSTA

December 27, 1933

Charles H. Authier, Esquire
Sanford, Maine

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 26, addressed to Attorney-General Chapman, came this morning. In the absence of the Attorney-General I hasten to inform you that I do not know of any reason why the Reverend Bourbeau cannot safely transport the required amount of sacramental wine from Boston into Maine.

At the recent special session of the legislature a law was passed which was, in effect, a re-enactment of our law as it existed from 1897 to 1923 which provided that no person shall knowingly transport from place to place in this state any intoxicating liquors with intent to sell the same in this state in violation of law.

At a meeting here yesterday, which was attended by very many of the county attorneys and sheriffs of the state, it was unanimously decided that no prosecutions should be made for transportation of intoxicating liquors into this state for medicinal, mechanical and scientific purposes and the arts, so that it seems to me that Reverend Bourbeau can lawfully secure his supply of sacramental wine without fear of prosecution.

Very truly yours,

Deputy Attorney General

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