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The Bangor Daily News
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Attention of Mr. O'Connell

Gentlemen :

Your paper has requested the opinion of this office concerning the right to vote of one who has been receiving any form of relief from the Federal Government, and I am pleased to advise you that in my opinion under the laws of the State of Maine, the fact that a person has been receiving any form of relief money from the National Government does not thereby make him a pauper so as to preclude him from voting.

While it is true that a pauper may not vote in the State of Maine if he has received pauper supplies within three months next preceding the election, the laws of our state are well settled as to what constitutes pauper supplies and no definition which we now have includes relief from the Federal Government. Accordingly, I am of the opinion that a person should not be refused the right to vote simply because he has been receiving relief from the Federal Government.

Very truly yours,

Attorney General

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