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March 21, 1938

Mr. E. C. Peterson
Town Commissioner
Van Buren, Maine

Dear Mr. Peterson:

State Treasurer Smith left with me your letter of March 10, in the second paragraph of which you were inquiring about the applying toward payment of taxes of certain residents of Van Buren, pay for work which they have done prior to August 11, 1937, when your town was taken over.

I talked with Mr. Smith about this and then told him I would write to you because I have always felt that until we had gotten a complete survey of the financial condition of the town it would be dangerous to make any such payments. If these men were to be paid any money and were suffering from lack of it, I should have some sympathy with the proposition of paying them, but as it is simply a credit against taxes which credit can be made in the future, I am firmly convinced that we should not make any such application at the present time. If we do this we are starting a long train of claims for credits for other matters that I am very sure will bother us.

I shall look forward to seeing you in the near future and discuss this matter more in detail with you.

Very truly yours,

Franz U. Burkett
Attorney General

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