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November 21, 1939

Honorable Waldo N. Seavey
Forest Commissioner
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Seavey:

Chapter 11, Section 20, of the Revised Statutes very definitely regulates the care of public lots and provides that you as Forest Commissioner may from time to time sell for cash for such sum as may be consented to by the Assessors of any organized plantation, timber and grass thereon; or the right to cut the same until incorporated into a town.

There is also a provision, as you know, that you shall sell no such timber until the same has been advertized for sale by publishing for three weeks successively in some newspaper published in the county where the land is situated.

The purported permit which you have shown me this afternoon, signed by the Assessors of Winterville Plantation, and purporting to give to J. A. Laliberte the right to cut yellow birch on Township 15 in the Seventh Range is, in my opinion, of no effect because these permits must be granted by you and the only part which the Assessors play in any such transaction is to approve, or consent to, the price.

Very truly yours,

Franz U. Burkett
Attorney General

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