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December 6, 1939

Hon. George W. Leadbetter  
Commissioner of Health and Welfare  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Leadbetter:

In your letter of November 29th, you ask whether or not it would be proper for Mr. Hardison, who is acting as town agent for the town of Caribou, to make an appointment of local health officer.

By Chapter 46, P. & S. 1939, a new charter was granted to Caribou which becomes effective at the next March town meeting. Under this Act the town manager has the authority to appoint a health officer for the town subject to the approval of your department. Meanwhile, it is our opinion that this officer should be appointed by the selectmen.

The office of town agent is not recognized in the statutes as a municipal office, and if you refer to Chapter 221 of the Laws of 1915, you will find that the office of town agent was abolished.

Very truly yours,

Franz U. Burkett  
Attorney General

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