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To Dr. Packard, Commissioner of Education
Re: Effect of Prison Record

In connection with your inquiry as to the right of Mr. X. to serve as a member of the School Board in his town, he having been previously convicted of crime and having served a term in State Prison, I do not find any provision in our statutes that would disqualify him from holding such a position because of his criminal record.

Of course, you and I have always ruled that, as a member of the School Board, he should not be transporting scholars, and, of course, you and I both have our ideas about electing such a candidate to this important office, but, apparently, once having been elected, he can serve.

Franz U. Burkett
Attorney General