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Hon. Norman F. Whitney
Bangor, Maine

Dear Norman:

We all, of course, know that the purpose of Legislative Document No. 1243 was to provide for a fund not exceeding \$2,000,000 to be raised, if necessary, by an issue of bonds. By Section 1, that sum is the maximum amount which the Treasurer of State is authorized to borrow, and the Governor and Council authorized to expend. The heading of Section 1 should probably be changed. You will note that the heading is "Bond issue for military expenses", but nowhere in that section is anything said about bonds. It is simply an authorization for the treasurer to borrow.

Section 2 provides for the bonds and all the way through the act the words: "for the purposes set forth in this act" are used, and I do not believe that the act would ever be interpreted as providing for the raising and expenditure of any sums in excess of the \$2,000,000. In other words, Section 1 authorizes the expenditure of this sum and gives the Treasurer of state authority to borrow it; and Section 2 is authority to issue bonds for that amount.

I do not believe there would ever be any confusion if it was adopted as it is written, and I hope when the Legislature reconvenes that its passage will be speedy. I am enclosing a copy of the act on the chance that you may have mislaid yours.

Very truly yours,

Franz U. Burkett
Attorney General

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