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July 12, 1940

Hon. W. D. Hayes  
State Auditor  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiry relative to the proper procedure necessary in signing the recent issue of State Highway Bonds, the form and tenor of which was directed by Order of the Council, July 2, 1940, requiring that this instrument be signed in the name and behalf of the State "by its Treasurer of State, and countersigned by its Governor, and attested by its State Auditor", I have to suggest that the Attorney General cannot properly render an official opinion, it evidently being for the State officials named in the Order to arrange their procedure.

My personal observation in the past is that similar bond issues have been signed by the Treasurer of State in his office, then taken to the Governor, countersigned by him in his office, and then attested by the State Auditor. Personally, I can see no objection to such procedure, the attestation by the Auditor being the final act rendering the bonds valid and negotiable.

Very truly yours,

Sanford L. Fogg  
Deputy Attorney General

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