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August 23, 1940

Honorable Frank E. Southard  
Vice Chairman State Military Defense Commission  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Brother Southard:

In your letter of August 21, you ask the opinion of this office as to whether or not the building of armories under the direction of the State Military Defense Commission is "emergency" work with the meaning of Section 41 of Chapter 54 of the Revised Statutes.

In view of the fact that the Legislature considered the whole question of defense so important that it provided for the appointment of your Commission, and for a bond issue both in Acts bearing the Emergency Clause, and in view of what I believe is the almost unanimous opinion of the People of the State that the work placed upon your Commission must be carried on as quickly as possible, I have no hesitancy in stating it to be my opinion that this work is "emergency" work within the meaning of the section cited.

Very truly yours,

Franz U. Burkett  
Attorney General

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