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STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years

1941--1942

or orders of said courts and the rules and regulations of said reformatory". I see nothing in this language to indicate a right to discharge a prisoner under the words "rules and regulations of said reformatory". These rules and regulations seem to me to refer only to the method of handling the convict while he is in custody.

Sections 369 and 370 do not seem to me to contain any language enlarging the powers of the Board beyond the clear meaning of the words used; "a permit to be at liberty ***** upon such other conditions as the department shall prescribe during the remainder of the term" seems to be the extent of the powers of the Parole Board in discharging the convict.

Section 7 of Chapter 223, Public Laws 1939 does not seem to me to increase in any way the powers of the Parole Board in this regard.

The discharge of prisoners before serving out their terms does not seem to me to be one of the powers granted to the Parole Board.

Very truly yours,

FRANK I. COWAN

Attorney General

February 28, 1941

George W. Leadbetter, Esquire
Commissioner of Institutional Service
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

In answer to your inquiry of January 27th, as to whether persons released from the institutions, other than the Prison, should be released by the Parole Board or by the head of the institution.

Our answer is, the Parole Board.

Very truly yours,

SANFORD L. FOGG

Deputy Attorney General

February 28, 1941

George W. Leadbetter, Esquire
Commissioner of Institutional Service
Augusta, Maine

Dear Sir:

I have given consideration to your letter of February 13th, asking about the payment of \$2 per week by the town of settlement for board of persons in the tuberculosis sanatoriums.