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STATE OF MAINE

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REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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for the calendar years

1941--1942

November 4, 1941

Hon. George E. Hill  
State Tax Assessor  
Augusta, Maine

Dear Brother Hill:

In response to your inquiry of October 31st, I am pleased to inform you that, in my opinion, it is not necessary in conveyances by your Department in the name of the State, to attach the great seal of the State.

It is provided by our statutes that "when the seal of a court, magistrate, or a public officer is to be affixed to a paper, the word *seal* may mean an impression made on the paper for that purpose, with or without wafer or wax."

Our court has said "the annexing of a piece of paper by wafer or wax, or any adhesive substance, is now everywhere regarded as equivalent to the impression formerly required, and makes a valid seal."

It would seem to me that an ordinary seal, attached by you, is sufficient to make the conveyance legal and in accordance with our statutes.

Very truly yours,

SANFORD L. FOGG  
Deputy Attorney General

November 19, 1941

Adam P. Leighton, Jr., M. D.  
Secretary Board of Registration of Medicine  
192 State Street  
Portland, Maine

Dear Sir:

I have your inquiry of November 7th, in regard to the use of the prefix "Dr.", or the word "Doctor". R. S. Chapter 21, Section 15 provides as follows:

"Unless duly registered by said board, no person shall practice medicine or surgery," etc . . . "Unless duly registered by said board, no person shall prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr.", or append the letters "M. D." to his name, or use the title of doctor or physician in any way excepting that any member of the Maine Osteopathic Association may prefix the title "Doctor" or the letters "Dr.", to his name, when accompanied by the word "Osteopath". Whoever not being duly registered by said board practices medicine or surgery, or any branch thereof, or