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June 1, 1942

A. E. Libby  
Vinalhaven, Maine

Dear Sir:

Your letter of May 18th addressed to Governor Sewall has been forwarded to this department for reply.

I very much regret to inform you that I do not find any provision of our statutes which would authorize the municipality in the expenditure of municipal funds for the construction or operation of a boat, even for temporary service, between Vinalhaven and Rockland.

There is an existing corporation known as the Vinalhaven and Rockland Steamboat Company which has the power to provide boat service between these two points. It is possible that you might arrange with them to provide temporary service while your new boat is being built.

Only the Legislature can empower a municipality to invest municipal funds in such an enterprise.

Very truly yours,

Sanford L. Fogg  
Deputy Attorney General

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cc to Governor Sewall