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June 3, 1942

Frank I. Cowan, Attorney General

Raymond E. Rendall, Commissioner
Department of Forestry

In re Request of the Chairman of the
Board of Selectmen of the Plantation
of Caratunk to have two light poles
placed on a Public Lot.

This is a matter beyond your control. The Legislature has enacted certain laws in regard to public lots. These lots are the property of all the people and no one man or group of men has the right to any particular use of any of them. The road that you speak of across this particular public lot is apparently a squatters road and subject to closing at any time. The fact that it has been there 75 years is not necessarily material, because time does not run against the State.

It is unfortunate that the people of Caratunk should blame you for not giving them permission to do what you have no authority to permit. You should inform them that you have no power to let them do what they want to do.

Attorney General

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