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Oct. 29, 1942

Belmont Smith, State Treasurer

The Attorney General

I have Mr. Downs' memo of October 28th, in regard to Chapter 91, Public Laws of 1941, Food Stamps. This Act uses the following express language: "..... it further being understood that this fund shall be used solely for the purpose of purchasing United States Government Food Stamps to be resold to the cities and towns of Maine participating in the so-called Food Stamp Plan."

With this language in the statute it is, in my opinion, improper to make sale of stamps otherwise than to the cities and towns. Any arrangement whereby the sales are made directly by the State to the beneficiary must be subject to legislative action.

Frank I. Cowan  
Attorney General

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cc to Governor Sewall