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Copyright and sale of publications

I have been checking the law a little bit, and Frank Farrington has been checking it a lot more, and we don't find any provision for copyrighting State owned publications outside of the Maine Reports, the Sessions Laws, and the Revised Statutes. We don't find any provision in the law for selling any State owned publications except these three. We have not found any general law whatsoever covering the matter, and in the circumstances I doubt whether your department could properly take out a copyright at State expense and whether you can sell publications which are the result of the expenditure of public funds.

Frank I Cowan
Attorney General

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