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June 15, 1943

F. K. Furinton, Executive Secretary

Executive

Frank A. Farrington, Deputy

Attorney General

Request for copy of charges against Thomas F. Locke

Enclosed with this memorandum is a copy of the formal charges presented to the Governor and Council by the Attorney General in furtherance of a council order dated August 7, 1941, in connection with the removal from office of the then Liquor Commission.

You ask whether it is believed advisable for the Governor to accede to the request for a copy of these charges, which request was recently received by him. There is no legal reason why such requests should not be granted; but from the standpoint of policy there might be some question as to the advisability. This matter is now nearly two years old, and if brought to view again might possibly result in numerous similar requests, which might in some instances prove embarrassing, if the instant case were to be taken as a precedent. This office believes the Governor should take all angles into consideration before he decides whether to forward a copy of the charges.

Frank A. Farrington
Deputy Attorney General

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