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To Raymond E. Rendall, Forest Commissioner

I have your letter of February 26th, calling my attention to Chapter 14, Sections 93 to 95, Chapter 32, Section 74, and Chapter 81, Section 3. You ask my ruling as to your responsibility for fire protection on personal property within the Maine Forestry District.

Sections 93 to 95 of Chapter 14, as amended by P. L. 1945, Chapter 41, Section 18 and Section 20, take care of the personal property located on leased land. I believe that personal property on leased land is not subject to a tax by the District.

You state that it would be of assistance to you if I would rule as to your responsibility for the fire protection of such personal property within the District. It is my opinion that the Forestry District is responsible for the protection from fire of all property within the District, because one fire at a camp on leased land may spread through the whole District and cause a million dollars' worth of damage to our forest growth.

I call your attention to the fact that Chapter 32, Section 74, was amended by P. L. 1945, Chapter 41.