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To Hon. Horace Hildreth, Governor of Maine  
Re: Authority to Accept Gifts from Private Sources

Section 15 of Chapter 11, R. S. 1944, provides:

"The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is hereby authorized to accept in the name of the state any and all gifts, bequests, grants, or conveyances to the state of Maine."

The foregoing provision of law enables the Executive Power to accept gifts from private sources on behalf of the State. If, in connection with any particular gift, the donor prescribes a purpose or use to which the gift should be put, the Governor and Council have the authority to accept the gift upon these terms.

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