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**STATE OF MAINE**

**R E P O R T**

**OF THE**

**ATTORNEY GENERAL**

**for the calendar years**

**1949 - 1950**

February 9, 1949

To N. S. Kupelian, M. D., Superintendent, Pownal State School

I have your letter of February 3rd, stating that you are confronted with a problem concerning blood transfusions for children developing certain diseases. On several occasions some of your patients have volunteered to donate blood, but so far you have refused on the ground that you did not know how much authority you had to permit it.

Before taking blood from a patient I would have written permission from the legal guardian or close relatives. I would not permit taking blood from patients who have no relative or guardian in a position to give you written permission, so that in case anything should happen to cause the death of a patient, you would be legally protected. Otherwise you might be exposed to criticism.

There is no statute referring to this problem.

RALPH W. FARRIS  
Attorney General

February 9, 1949

To Russell W. Carter, Chief Accountant  
Re: Richmond-Dresden Bridge

You state that the cash position of this bridge, as of January 31st, was \$380 in the red, due to the fact that last summer the bridge was painted at a cost in excess of \$7000. You ask me whether you can use funds from your maintenance of bridges account.

This bridge is a part of the State highway system, and funds from your maintenance of bridges account can be used to take care of this deficit.

I understand that there is a bill pending in the legislature abolishing tolls on this bridge. If that goes through, the maintenance and operation of the bridge will be paid from the General Highway Fund, according to the language of said bill.

RALPH W. FARRIS  
Attorney General

February 23, 1949

To General George M. Carter, The Adjutant General  
Re: Land in Caribou

This department acknowledges receipt of your memo of February 10, 1949, relating to proposed lease of land to the State of Maine by the Town of Caribou for an armory.

You say that the municipal officers doubt their authority to deed this land, but are willing to give a lease, which you suggest should be for fifty years at least.

I find no authority which would allow the municipal officers to lease land of the town for any such term.