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STATE OF MAINE

R E P O R T

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years

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I therefore suggest that the matter be submitted to the inhabitants at the next town meeting by proper articles in the warrant or at a special town meeting, to authorize the conveyance of land to the State, which I understand they are willing to do, if the authority existed.

I would also suggest that the article contain a description sufficient to identify the land to be conveyed.

ABRAHAM BREITBARD
Deputy Attorney General

February 23, 1949

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

I have your memo of February 18th relating to the damage to the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company's cable on the grounds of the Pownal State School, which cable was damaged when one of the boys was digging to take care of leakage in the steam pipe that extends from one of the dormitories to the temporary schoolhouse. This was repaired by the company, which has presented a bill of \$38.31.

The State is not responsible for this bill. The Telephone Company should mark where its cable is laid if it expects to prevent it from being damaged by excavations on State property. In other words, the property belongs to the State of Maine, and the company laid its cable under same at its own peril.

It is my opinion that the legislature does not want to be bothered with any trivial matter of this nature.

RALPH W. FARRIS
Attorney General

February 24, 1949

To H. A. Ladd, Secretary, Maine Maritime Academy
Re: Legal Services

Your memo of February 22nd received, stating that the Trustees of the Academy voted on February 18th to ask the Attorney General of Maine the following questions:

"1. The legality of expending state funds for the legal counsel which would be necessary to press the interests of the Maine Maritime Academy."

Answer. Under the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 17, R. S. 1944, all legal services required by officers, boards and commissions in matters relating to their official duties shall be rendered by the Attorney General or under his direction.

"Said officers, boards, and commissions shall not act at the expense of the state as counsel in any suit or proceedings in which the state is interested."

Therefore under the direction of the Attorney General you may expend the funds of the Maine Maritime Academy for protecting the interests of the State.