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To Honorable Frederick G. Payne, Governor of Maine
Re: Office Building Authority

I have studied Chapter 76 of the Private & Special Laws of 1941 as amended by Chapter 94, P&SL 1943 and Chapter 51, P&SL 1945, in an attempt to find the authority for applying for an advance of federal funds for plans for an addition to the State House. I have also caused a search to be made of the records of the Attorney General's office to see if any written opinions could be located relative to the same subject.

I have not found the specific answer, but I suspect that the authority might be implied by Section 6 of Chapter 76, P&SL 1941, directing the Commission to employ an architect forthwith and cause suitable plans to be prepared. You will notice that in the photostatic copy it is recited that the Governor had been given the authority by vote of the Commission.

This is the best answer that I am able to give at this time.

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