STATE OF MAINE

REPORT

OF THE

ATTORNEY GENERAL

for the calendar years

1951 - 1954

January 31, 1952

To Harold I. Goss, Secretary of State
Re: Reprinting of Maine Statutes

With reference to your memo of January 18, 1952, relative to your granting permission to the National Consumer Finance Association to reprint portions of our statutes, it is our opinion that statutes and court rules are not in themselves subject to copyright; hence there is no infringement in copying statutes and court rules even from annotated and copyrighted editions of them.

This might explain the absence of statutory provisions granting you authority to give permission to reprint portions of our statutes. Therefore there would be no objection to your giving permission to the Association to reprint such statutes contained in our compilations of laws as they desire. . .

JAMES G. FROST
Assistant Attorney General

January 31, 1952

To Harland A. Ladd, Commissioner of Education
Re: Eastport Petition

. . . You inquire if paragraph XII, Section 3, Chapter 37, R. S., a statute which grants to the Commissioner of Education the power, under certain conditions, to make an inspection of the schools of a town, gives the right to investigate the relationship between the superintending school committee of the City of Eastport and the superintendent of Union 104.

It is the opinion of this office that paragraph XII, *supra*, is limited in scope. The inspection may be made, on petition, but the findings and reports are limited to the standards of buildings, equipment, organization, and instruction. Thus the scope of the inspection is limited particularly to the areas above mentioned.

The petition presented to you does not ask for an inspection of buildings, equipment, organization, or instruction, but of matters of purely local concern, not falling within your prescribed powers. It is therefore our opinion that you have no power to make an inspection with respect to the conditions set forth in the petition.

ROGER A. PUTNAM
Assistant Attorney General

February 4, 1952

To Harland A. Ladd, Commissioner of Education
Re: Special Projects

We have your memo of January 25, 1952, relative to Section 2 of Chapter 386, Public Laws of 1951.