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To Herbert G. Espy, Commissioner of Education
Re: Closing of School by State Board (Unorganized Territory)

We have your memorandum containing a question from Representative Martin as follows:

"The citizens of Guerette and Ouellette living in Township 17 Range 5 and part of R. 4 in Aroostook County question the authority of the State School Board to close their present public schools and force their children to attend a school in another section of Township 17, called Sinclair."

A quick perusal of the statutes and the situation attending the completion of the new school at Sinclair and the proposed transfer of pupils to the same does not disclose to us that the Commissioner has exceeded his authority in this matter.

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