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To Francis H. Sleeper, M. D., Superintendent, Augusta State Hospital
Re: Patient transferred from the Women's Reformatory

We have your memorandum with regard to ~~the~~ a patient who had previously been sent to the State Reformatory for Women at Skowhegan and was ordered transferred by Commissioner Greenlaw to your institution as a person who had become insane.

The authority for such transfer is found in Section 13 of Chapter 27 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, which provides that such a person shall be detained as if she were originally committed there. The original sentence continues to run.

The same section also provides as follows:

"If prior to the expiration of the original sentence it is the opinion of the head of the institution which has charge of the patient that the patient should remain in the custody of the institution after the expiration of such sentence, the patient may be recommitted to either of the state hospitals upon complaint of the head of the institution which has charge of the patient under the provisions of sections 110 and 111;"

The sections referred to are Sections 110 and 111 of Chapter 27.

We believe that this will answer your inquiry. If you need further information, please inquire.

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