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Austin E. Wilkins, Commissioner

Forestry

Thomas W. Tavenner, Assistant

Attorney General

**Extension of Leases**

We have your request for an opinion as to what course of action would be most advisable with regard to the Margaret Clark leases in Oxford County. As we understand the problem, Mrs. Clark wants to sell her camps which are situated on this leased property. The prospective purchaser wants a lease which would extend over a five year period so that he could be assured of more permanency than he would have with the one year renewal which has been customary in the past. We have examined the Constitution of the State of Maine and the Revised Statutes chapter 36, section 12 as amended, and have determined that the Governor and Council can give the Forest Commissioner the authority to execute a five year lease on the camp site in question.

It is, therefore, our opinion that if you in your discretion deem such a course of action to be advisable you could prepare a Council Order covering the land in question and giving you the authority to execute a lease for up to five years in accordance with Mrs. Clark's request.

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Assistant Attorney General

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