

Bounty Claims, Assignment of to Deputy Treasurer.

A deputy treasurer, and other officers, are prohibited from making purchase or receive assignments of bounty claims, and such an assignment is void.

March 6th, 1911.

State Board of Examiners,
Helena, Montana.

Gentlemen:

I acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 28th ult., wherein my opinion is asked as to the right of a deputy county treasurer to make purchase of bounty claims against the state. I have made examination of the assignment and also of the letter of the deputy county treasurer concerning these claims, and I give you as my opinion that the assignments are absolutely void and should not be by you approved. Sec. 371 of the Revised Codes of 1907 prohibit such an officer from purchasing such claims, and the subject is further covered by Sec. 8162 of the same code. I would suggest that the clerk be instructed to communicate with this deputy county treasurer and call his attention to these sections of the law.

Yours respectfully,

ALBERT J. GALEN,

Attorney General.