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from the corporate mortgages of its predecessor, The Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling Railway Company.

I am therefore returning said deed without my approval with the request that when the release of said mortgages has been secured that said deed and proper evidence of the release of said mortgages be forwarded to this office for approval as required by the act of the Legislature above referred to.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR SALE OF ABANDONED CANAL LAND, IN THE CITY OF NEWARK, LICKING COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, April 30, 1929.

HON. RICHARD T. WISDA, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—This is to acknowledge receipt of the transcript of the proceedings of your department relating to the proposed sale to one Frank Pfeffer, of Newark, Ohio, of a small parcel of the old abandoned canal basin and berme embankment of the Ohio Canal in the city of Newark, Licking County, Ohio, submitted for my approval under the provisions of Sections 13971 and 14203-22, General Code. The property here in question, consisting of 3140 square feet of land, is more particularly described in your formal communication to the Governor and to the Attorney General. Inasmuch as you have officially made a finding of fact to the effect that said canal land is not required for the use, maintenance and operation of the canals of the state and that the same cannot be leased so as to bring a six per cent annual rental on the appraised value of the property, you are authorized to sell said property with the approval of the Governor and the Attorney General, and, since no reason is apparent why this department should not approve said sale, your proceedings relating to the sale of this property is hereby approved, as is likewise the sale of the same for the sum of \$500.00, the appraised value of said property.

I have endorsed my approval on the original transcript of said proceedings and upon the duplicate copy thereof.

Respectfully,
GILBERT BETTMAN,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, LEASE TO CANAL LAND IN GREEN TOWNSHIP, HOCKING COUNTY, OHIO—FLOYD LOOMIS.

Columbus, Ohio, April 30, 1929.

HON. RICHARD T. WISDA, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination and approval a certain