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APPROVAL—LEASE TO OFFICE ROOMS AT ATHENS, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 19, 1937.

Hon. Carl G. Wahl, Director, Department of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio

Dear Sir: This is to acknowledge the receipt of your recent communication with which you submit for my examination and approval a certain indenture of lease made and entered into by and between The Security Savings Bank Company of the city of Athens, Ohio, as lessor, and the State of Ohio, acting through you as Director of Public Works, as lessee, by the terms and provisions of which there is leased and demised to the state as lessee certain premises in The Security Bank Building, Athens, Ohio, which are more particularly described as being Room No. 9 in said building comprising approximately 259 square feet of office space which is to be for the use of the Sales Tax Section of the Tax Commission of Ohio. This lease is one for a term of two years beginning on the first day of January, 1937, and ending on the 31st day of December, 1938, and provides for a monthly rental of \$17.50 as the consideration for the lease.

Under the provisions of Section 154-40, General Code, you as Director of the Department of Public Works are authorized, among other things, to lease office space in buildings for the use of the state government, or any department, office or institution thereof. Upon examination of the lease, I find that the same has been properly executed and that the same by its terms and conditions is otherwise in conformity to law. In this connection, it is noted that this lease contains the provision, quite proper in the case of a lease of this kind to the state, that the lease is subject to appropriation made or to be made by the legislature and that neither the Director of Public Works, the members of the Tax Commission nor any other state officer shall be liable for the payment of rent under this lease if such appropriation is not made.

Accompanying this lease is contract encumbrance record No. 3 which has been properly executed and which shows that there are available unencumbered moneys sufficient in amount to pay the current rentals under this lease for the months of January and February, 1937. This contract encumbrance record is, I believe, in sufficient compliance with the requirements of Section 2288-2. General Code.

I am accordingly approving this lease and the same is herewith returned.

Respectfully.

Herbert S. Duffy,
Attorney General.

155.

APPROVAL — BOND OF HENRY K. MARTIN, RESIDENT DISTRICT DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN SCIOTO COUNTY, OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, February 19, 1937.

Hon. John Jaster, Jr., Director of Highways, Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Sir:

In re: Bond of Henry K. Martin, Resident District Deputy Director in Scioto County, \$5,000.00.

I am returning herewith the above mentioned bond with my approval noted on the bond form itself. I find that said bond has been executed in compliance with the laws of Ohio in this regard.

Respectfully.

Herbert S. Duffy,
Attorney General.

156.

APPROVAL—CONTRACT FOR ADDITION TO AUDITORIUM AT BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY, \$8,209.00.

Columbus, Ohio, February 19, 1937.

HON. CARL G. WAHL, Superintendent of Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR: You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio acting by Carl G. Wahl, Superintendent of Public