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APPROVAL, LEASE TO ABANDONED CANAL LAND IN MAD RIVER TOWN-SHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY—E. O. MARSHALL.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 6, 1929.

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

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my examination and approval two certain leases in triplicate. executed by you, in your official capacity as Superintendent of Public Works and as Director of said department, by which there are leased and demised to one E. C. Marshall of Dayton, Ohio, certain parcels of abandoned Miami and Erie canal lands in Mad River Township, Montgomery County, Ohio, which parcels of land are more particularly described in said leases; one of said leases covers two parcels of land containing 7500 square feet and 35,000 square feet, respectively, of the aggregate appraised value of \$400.00; and the other lease here in question covers two parcels of land containing 7500 square feet and 31,425 square feet, respectively, of the aggregate appraised value of \$500.00. Each of said leases is for the stated term of ninety years, subject to reappraisal at the end of each period of fifteen years, during the term of the lease.

Both of the leases here under consideration were executed under authority provided for by House Bill No. 162 passed by the 86th General Assembly, March 25, 1925. 111 O. L., 208.

A careful examination of the provisions of each of said lease indentures shows that they are in conformity with the requirements of the act above referred to, and with other statutory provisions relating to the execution of leases of this kind. Said leases are accordingly approved by me as to legality and form, and my approval is endorsed upon said leases and upon the duplicate and triplicate copies thereof, all of which are herewith returned.

> Respectfully, Gilbert Bettman, Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, CONTRACT BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND WALTER G. SCHIRTZINGER, COLUMBUS, OHIO, FOR RENEWAL OF ROOF OF MAIN BUILDING, COLUMBUS STATE HOSPITAL, COLUMBUS, OHIO, AT AN EXPENDITURE OF \$9,300.00—SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS BONDING AND INSURANCE COMPANY.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, December 6, 1929.

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

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval a contract between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Public Works, for the Department of Public Welfare (Columbus State Hospital), and Walter D. Schirtzinger, of Columbus, Ohio. This contract covers the construction and completion of Relewal of Roof of Main Building, Columbus State Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, and calls for an expenditure of nine thousand three hundred dollars (\$9,300.00).

You have submitted the certificate of the Director of Finance to the effect that there are unencumbered balances legally appropriated in a sum sufficient to cover

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