643.

APPROVAL, FOUR CONTRACTS BETWEEN STATE OF OHIO AND H. ORION WHITTAKER OF DAYTON. OHIO. IMPROVEMENTS AT DAYTON STATE HOSPITAL, REMODELING GARAGE, AT A COST \$3600; CONSTRUCTION OF NEW GARAGE, AT A COST OF \$7600; REMODELING DINING ROOM, AT A COST OF \$3500; AND ADDITION TO DINING ROOM, AT A COST OF \$3200. SURETY BOND EXECUTED BY T. R. EICHELBERGER SONS AND WM. F. BUSH.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 14, 1923.

Hon. L. A. Boulay, Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have submitted for my approval four contracts between the State of Ohio, acting by the Department of Highways and Public Works and H. Orion Whittaker of Dayton, Ohio. These contracts relate to improvements at the Dayton State Hospital and cover remodeling garage, which calls for an expenditure of \$3600; construction of a new garage, which calls for an expenditure of \$7600; remodeling of dining room, which calls for an expenditure of \$3500; and an addition to the dining room, which calls for an expenditure of \$3200.

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 the obligations of the contracts. There has further been submitted a contract bond upon which T. B. Eichelberger Sons and Wm. F. Pusch appear as surety, sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

You have further submitted evidence indicating that plans were properly prepared and approved, notice to bidders was properly given, bids tabulated as required by law and the contract duly awarded. Also it appears that the laws relating to the workmen's compensation have been complied with.

Finding said contracts and bond in proper legal form I have this day noted my approval thereon and return the same herewith to you, together with all other data submitted in this connection.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, LEASES COVERING THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY: THE TOWER BUILDING COMPANY, TOLEDO, OHIO, A. G. SHAVER, MARTIN'S FERRY, OHIO; THE ESTATE OF SCHANTZ, CINCINNATI, OHIO; THE PENTON BUILDING COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO AND THE HOME HOTEL COMPANY, AKRON. OHIO.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 15, 1923.

Hon. L. A. Boulay, Director, Department of Highways and Public Works, Columbus, Ohio.

DEAR SIR:—You have recently submitted, for the approval of this department, leases covering property for branch offices of the Industrial Commission, as follows:

The Tower Building Co., Toledo, Ohio; A. G. Shaver, Martin's Ferry, Ohio; The Estate of Schantz, Cincinnati, Ohio; The Penton Building Co., Cleveland, Ohio; The Home Hotel Company, Akron, Ohio.

Section 154-17 of the General Code, in substance, provides that each department shall provide a central office in the city of Columbus; that the director of each department may, with the approval of the Governor, establish and maintain branch offices.

It is presumed that the establishing of the branch offices covered by the leases submitted has the approval of the governor, and it is noted that you state that the funds have been properly certified.

With the approval of the Governor, ample authority exists under said section 154-17 for the entering into of these leases.

Consideration of the sufficiency of the leases as to form convinces this department that the leases are in proper legal form, and the consideration therein provided being within the limits of the appropriation made in H-6, of the appropriation House Bill No. 62, I therefore approve said leases and herewith return the same.

Respectfully,
C. C. CRABBE,
Attorney General.

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APPROVAL, BONDS OF DECATUR TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, LAWRENCE COUNTY, \$4,240.00, TO EXTEND TIME OF PAYMENT OF CERTAIN INDEBTEDNESS.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, August 15, 1923.

Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Commission of Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.